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MEETING NOTES

Our small but mighty group of all RCCHP members (as in no guests) was brought to order quickly by today's meeting chair Doug MacDonald. He started with a land acknowledgment followed by asking Harold to lead us in O Canada, which he did with panache! Had Chair Doug mentioned special occasions, he would have recognized Nuri Peerani's upcoming birthday on September 6 as well as Brad and Kim Sewall's anniversary on September 4.

With no guests, our speakers were given honours for the buffet, followed by everyone else with no apparent order.

PROGRAM

Brian Gentles introduced our guest speakers – Bob Clark and Ola Olutuyi. Bob is teaching at SAIT and Ola is teaching at Bow Valley College. They gave an informative presentation on what it has been like to teach in today's environment with many of their classes comprised of international and adult students. Both groups are hardworking and focused, attributes not always shared with local, younger classmates.

Bob has been teaching a bit longer, so he had the Covid experience of the going from the traditional in-person class to the on-line model, almost overnight. They both have the experience of the traditional classroom and now also the hybrid and/or on-line methods. BVC also has On Line Any Time classes which presents a different set of complexities. They highlighted how flexibility and adaptability is key for the instructors of today.

Ola highlighted how these international students bring their culture to the classroom and as an instructor, he must recognize and acknowledge these behaviours are their norm.

Bob and Ola had some interesting comments on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how it impacts students and instructors. They both have access to the institutions software that detects AI prepared documents which might reflect poorly in a student's grade.

And while they are enjoying the teaching immensely, there is always a risk of burnout as the workloads can be very heavy. It appears marking papers is not the fun it is made out to be. All the work and energy has brought a great deal of satisfaction by knowing they have made a difference in the lives of their students.

After an engaging Q&A, Brian thanked our presenters. Bob and Ola are just two of our members with a wealth of knowledge within our Club!

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



MINUTES

Brad W was quick to the podium to talk about **Move for Polio** and the walking initiative happening within the Club. Three goals of the MFP, member engagement (goal = 80%; current at 33%), fundraising (goal US \$4,000, to date US\$2,900), cultivate physical and mental wellness. On Sept 15, everyone is invited to meet in the HP parking lot at 6:15 am to walk to the meeting (and obviously walk back too).

Bill S is looking for a new chair for the **Second Chance Art Sale** and gave an excellent outline of what the opportunity offers. Including, leadership of a team of 5 or 6 enthusiastic volunteers for one of our major fundraisers. This could also be a co-chair approach for shared duties. Bill and Eve will definitely be there for support

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Chair Doug thanked all those that contributed to making today's meeting happen. And his Rotary fact. This is the 30th anniversary of the BioSand Filter project which has seen 1.7 million filters installed in 60 countries. Bill S has personally installed some of these. Way to go Rotary and RCCHP!

HAPPY BUCKS

Happy Bucks were flowing this morning from Bob, Bill H, Rob M, Ted, Brad W and Bill S, all of them acknowledging our guest speakers and what great representatives they are of RCCHP. Plus, the start of the new school year and our former exchange student Doris and husband Felix as they pass through town on their way home.

NEXT WEEK

Remember... next week's meeting is at the Field House at Rotary Challenger Park. Sign up soon!



DUTY ROSTER

SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

GREETERBRAD WELLCOME
DOOR SALES.....TED WOOD
INTRODUCE & THANK.....HAROLD AITKENHEAD
REPORTER.....ROGER SONTAG

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

KATHY LE.....SEPT 14
MATT KNIIX.....SEPT 14
SANJAY POKHRIYAL (VANITA).....SEPT 11