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MEETING NOTES



It was Walter Zuk's turn at the podium to guide us through the meeting. Despite a slightly tardy start (no Sheriff unfortunately), this was a boisterous crowd to rein in. Don McArthur led a stellar O Canada followed by Walter giving a land acknowledgement.

We welcomed guests Brenda Walton (Tracey V), Laurie McKay (Mark R), Jim Zackowski (Challenger Park) and Thampi Thomas (Asha). Walter's table (no guests) somehow managed to first to the buffet, followed by tables with guests and then those looking for leftovers.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

It was the International Services Committee's turn to highlight their year. And an impressive line up of projects in Mexico, Guatemala and Nigeria, were outlined.

Eve reminded us that we have been supporting Volcanes School in Mexico since 2012 and how much of an impact we have made on the lives of the students, including Dr. Paco, who was featured in the video for our anniversary celebrations. He is in the latter stages of training to be a neurosurgeon. Eve moved to the Global Grant cervical cancer project in Guatemala where we are a participating club in helping to diagnose and educate as well as train 150 nurses for sustaining support in the fight against this disease. Eve shared another Global Grant project supporting digital libraries called Remote Area Community Hotspot for Education and Learning (RACHEL), partnering with the RC of Chatham, ON.

Ola gave us an update on water projects in Nigeria and emphasized the significance of the three Water for Education Projects (WAFEP) which have been funded by our Club together with District grant funds. These projects have a major impact on girl's education, in a country where 1 in 4 do not complete primary school and 1 in 5 of out-of-school children are from Nigeria. Ola stated that over 5,000 people have been directly impacted by our projects.

Lastly, Bill Skinner talked about the Global Grant project (US \$136,000) where we are the lead Club with 17 other clubs from Canada and the US participating. This project is to complete an unfinished project from 2009 (by another organization) to bring fresh water to a community of 2,000 people. Together with Engineers without Borders, we will connect the water supply to the storage tanks to provide the water to homes. Bill also highlighted the Habitat for Humanity project we are supporting in conjunction with the RC of Los Altos in Guatemala to provide concrete flooring in homes. This is a major step in reducing illness and improving their homes.

There were a few questions and overall, a very impressive list of accomplishments by ISC and RCCHP.

Walter took the liberty of thanking the guest speakers.

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



MOTIONS

We had a trio of minute folks, all with the same theme... Second Chance Art Sale. Sheila, Linda and Steve had the messages of: Not too late to volunteer, especially Sat pm, a big thanks to all those volunteers who have got us to this point by pricing, picking up, marketing, designing, placing signs and duties so we can have an efficient sale, and lastly, a safety message and hints for those volunteering at the sale.

Bob Clark brought the motion *"to approve the allocation of \$50,000 to the RCCHP 25th Anniversary Signature Heritage Park First Nations Shelter project"* to the membership. Seconded by Bill Skinner. Passed unanimously.

REMINDER

No meeting next week as we will be working at the Second Chance Art Sale raising money to support our projects!

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Walter closed the meeting with words of wisdom provided to him by his grandfather.

HAPPY BUCKS



And were we happy today or what? Everyone seemed anxious to impart their news and contribute to club coffers. Here goes... Stan for Don's leading O Canada; Bob for the ball games in the US; John R for the new T shirts available; Ola for turning 50, and remembering his father's legacy; Asha for her guest and the accomplishments of her granddaughters, one of whom is coming to university in Calgary on a volleyball scholarship; Brad W for the Anniversary Project and those that helped on the Project Committee; Peter H for the Community Kitchen volunteers, Aggie Days and that he has a tee time today; Tracey for her guest Brenda and her upcoming travels including the RI convention in Singapore; Diane for the Anniversary Project in Heritage Park; Sheila for the ISC presentation and how proud she is of RCCHP; Jim Zackowski had some kind words for RCCHP and vibrancy of our club. He is thankful of our support of Challenger Park; Roger for his four days of watching the Masters uninterrupted by any outstanding task which might have been assigned to him.

John had a reminder for those who have signed up for the Ronald McDonald House meal on Saturday to be there at 2:45 pm.

BIRTHDAYS& ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS



TAMMYWOOD.....APR 20
CLIFF TYMINSKI.....APR 23

DUTY ROSTER

APRIL 26,2024

GREETERBOB CLARK
DOOR SALES.....BOB COVE
INTRODUCE & THANK.....LINDA CRAIG
REPORTER.....SHEILA TYMINSKI

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