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MEETING NOTES

President Bill Skinner called us to order at 7:00 am. Brenda Walton, guest of Tracy and Vince Vavrick, was introduced and welcomed.

Bill provided information regarding delayed, proper recognition for Louis Riel. Bill also provided a be-grateful moment courtesy of Victor Hugo. A smiling Peter Leigh shined plates to a sheen.

PROGRAM

Bruce Byford introduced Tracey and Vince Vavrick with a rowdy howdy. Tracey and Vince shared some stories from the May 25 – 29 Singapore International Convention. It was surprising how many members had previously been to Singapore

Vince shared some interesting facts: Singapore is 1 of 3 City States, and has 6 million people. The city is very clean and boasts the world's highest manmade waterfall in the airport. Men are not permitted to have long hair or chew gum. The economy is based upon insurance, banking, seaports and the export of oil and gas equipment.

Tracey commented on how wonderful it was to be with their tribe, meeting old and new friends, including people from Dawson Creek. Tracey reconnected with governors that she has mentored. Attending international conventions broadened her scope and connections. You never know who you are going to meet.

Opening ceremonies were duplicated in morning and afternoon sessions. The Rotary flag unites us, and we are part of something bigger. Gordon McNally spoke about mental health, assisting others, and shared an emotional personal story. "Sharing Light With the World". 200 countries participated. Calum Scott, Britain's Got Talent Finalist performed.

"Let's Be The Magic" is our current theme. Links are available online to see more of the magic from the Singapore Convention. The House of Friendship allowed people to explore and potentially collaborate. The Calgary booth was very well attended.

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Bill, Joe, and I are coordinating the transportation needs for the various HOC events and special guests. We are working closely with RI on the various roles and needs and are looking for more help. We invite you to contact me to explore ways you can support our work.

These events require many dedicated hands. The volunteer link is at the bottom of the HOC website. Please also explore ways you can support the various volunteer needs.

Here's the Facebook [link](#) to the Red Hot Chilli Pipers video I teased you with this morning. Enjoy!

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



NEW MEMBER

The Board has approved the membership of
Thampi Thomas

Classification: Engineer (Retired)

Barring any objections he will be inducted into the
club shortly.

PROGRAM (CONTD)

The White Hat tradition began in 1948 with
Calgarians traveling by train to the Grey Cup in
Toronto. A white hat was given to the mayor.
There is a special oath that concludes with a
yahoo. (On a side note 1948 was the only perfect
season in CFL history. The Stamps won it all, and
more importantly for gamblers, covered the point
spread by beating the Ottawa Rough Riders 12-7
before a crowd of 20,000 exuberant Calgarians
and 13 Rough Rider supporters.)

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

A Bow Valley College mentorship panel will be
the guest speakers next week.

The 4-way test was recited to conclude the
meeting.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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WALTER ZUKAUG 7
JIM SAWERSAUG 8
JOAN BELICKAUG 8

MINUTE

Bob reminded everyone to show up for their volunteer
casino shift and predicted the greatest casino event of
all time. Stay tuned for the delivery.

President Bill is seeking:

a guest host for August, September, October and
November.

personal storytellers. Bill shared a touching story with
tremendous emotional payback.

HAPPY BUCKS

Vince \$20 BMO Centre allows everyone to be together
at once.

Marlene \$5 for the pow wow.

Phil \$20 for Bob's stylin' casino shirt.

Bill \$2 to promote the convention.

Bob Clark \$2 to be multiplied 30,000 fold (stay tuned).

SHERIFF

Bill announced that Sheriff opportunities are available. Bill
imposed a \$1 fine for not wearing a Rotary pin in public last
week.

DUTY ROSTER

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REPORTER.....VANESSA FREEZE-SUMNER

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please find your own replacement.**