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MEETING NOTES

Stan Christmas led us in an especially rousing round of O'Canada.
We had two guests - Landis Jackson & Kathya Montero

In the spirit of gratefulness, President Bill reminded us of the Golden Rule – treat others as you would want to be treated – and how our world would be a better place if more kept this rule in mind. Harold happily volunteered to shine plates for the small crowd starting with our guest table, of course.
Bill S shared that it was World Indigenous Day and gave us some background.

BOW VALLEY COLLEGE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Jim Sawers was the moderator.

The Bow Valley College Mentorship Program will almost double for 2024-2025 with 48 students. Landis Jackson serves as the program chair and has championed this program on the College side. Kathya is a student of Business Administration that was in a mentorship group lead by Doug M.

Mentorship Program for 2024-2025: There will be 5 mentor meetings (Oct, Nov, Jan Feb, Mar) with a maximum of 2 being virtual. Feel free to involve guest mentors with pertinent specialties. In September there will be both a mentor orientation meeting and mentor/mentee introduction meeting. We need more mentors to support the larger number of students and smaller group sizes so reach out to Jim Sawers to SIGN UP NOW!

Q for Landis: Why is the college interested in this program? A: They are focused on practical knowledge and have large numbers of international students that want to be exposed to Canadian workplace culture. BVC likes to partner with business to ensure their students are connected to the “real world”. This program helps mentees build confidence in their language skills and ability to understand the workplace culture.

Q for Landis: Why Group Mentoring? A: There was a pilot mentoring program that found that the mentees were not as confident 1:1. Group mentorship allows the mentees to talk amongst themselves and build peer relationships.

Q for Kathya: Why did you sign up? A: It was difficult to feel professional settled in a new country. She wanted connection, to build her network, and gain insight on Canadian culture.

Q for Kathya: How did you benefit? A: Confidence and support and feedback for interviews. One week after the discussion about interviews she successfully interviewed using what she learned! She found out that in Canada her experience is still valued.

Q for Graham and Bob: What experience is necessary to be a mentor? Bob – If someone has assisted or supported you here is your opportunity to return the favor.

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



PROGRAM (CONTD)

If no one has assisted or supported you along the way, here is your opportunity to turn it around for someone else. Graham – All you need to do is bring your own experience and feel comfortable saying “I don’t know”. The ability to ask questions to get to the bottom of an issue, storytelling, and share failures and successes.

Q for Graham and Bob: What did they like best about the experience? Bob – Loved to see growth in students. Seeing our culture through eyes of others. Graham – Service above self but this went both ways. Learned as much from them as the other way around.

HAPPY BUCKS

Bob C – Happy that we got some donations from gamblers and said he would match the donation envelope but may have come up a bit short!

Bill H – Big thanks to Bob for organizing the Casino volunteers as it is a big job.

Joe K – Helping match the gambler donation envelope with \$20!

Stan C – Happy 6th birthday to his grandson!

Marlene – Sending well wishes for Velma’s recovery!

Linda – Happy birthday to her daughter!

Graham & Bill – Donations towards a new projector!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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HAROLD AITKENHEAD.....AUG 22

BRAD SEWAKLL.....AUG 23

ANNIVERSARY

PETER & ELAINE HARDING(52YRS).....AUG 19

MINUTE

Vanessa F (New Generations Service Exchange) – NGSE is looking for three host families in Calgary. Reach out to Vanessa to get connected to the program.

Bob C (Casino) – Thanked all of the volunteers for the August casino shifts. He will keep us updated on our portion of the proceeds when available.

Stan C (Social Meeting) – Last Thursday in August we are having a social pub night at Limricks on Macloud in place of a meeting. Sign up and bring a friend!

Bill S (Meeting Chairs & Storytellers) – Looking for a meeting chair for Aug 23rd and storytellers for all meetings.

Bill S (Guatemala) – The global grant for our project in Guatemala has been approved. There will be a trip to visit this and four other Rotary projects Jan 25 – Feb 5, 2025. Reach out if interested

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

Next week: Patricia Bathory

Strengthening & Fulfillment of Life through Stronger Relationships in Family, Work & Community.

“The man who does not read has no advantage over the man who cannot read,” Mark Twain

DUTY ROSTER

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GREETERBOB COVE

DOOR SALES.....LINDA CRAIG

INTRODUCE & THANK.....MARLENE DOHERTY

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