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**PRESIDENT
BILL SKINNER**

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MEETING NOTES



It is Friday the 13th but no one is worried about bad luck here as the Gunn Barn is filled to the brim with boisterous Rotarians enjoying the last meeting of 2024.

As I entered the barn I was met enthusiastically by our greeter Judy Cochran and confronted by members wearing an amazing collection of ugly Christmas sweaters.

Tis the season for tacky knitted attire.

President Bill rang the bell to start the meeting and Stan Christmas led us in O'Canada albeit at an octave that was a stretch for most of the members and even some falsettos.

President Bill noted that today was National Violin Day and John Radermacher commented that Bill was just fiddling around.

We were pleased to welcome our guests: Peter McLaughlin and Jeromy Farcus.

Pres Bill provided a truth and reconciliation moment and grace as Phil Hochhausen burst through the doors thinking he was late but it turned out he was just in time to be our plate shiner du jour.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

President Report - President Bill gave a brief state of the club presentation.

Finances are in good shape, our casino generated the largest return we have had to date and the 2nd Chance Art Sale exceeded projected revenue by \$8,000.

Having said that District Grant money may be scarce this coming year due to reduced contributions over COVID.

No major changes to meetings this year however our initial pub night meeting was a success and Bill hopes to have more such informal events in the New Year.

Bill congratulated Richard Broadwith and his team as we have had 10 new members this year and all new members are already strongly involved in committees and events.

Bill closed by thanking all the members for their engagement and his board members for their support and hard work to date

Treasurer Report - Don McArthur provided an entertaining and riveting summation of the clubs financial status. The Financial Statements and Budget were sent out to all members previously via email along with the following motion: Don McArthur moved RCCHP accept a revised operating budget with an operating surplus of \$3 in the budget. The motion was seconded by Brad Sewall and passed unanimously.....

Community Service Steve Dunk presented the following motion: **Motion 1** - The community services committee moves that the Rotary Club of Heritage Park donate \$5000 to the Green Calgary Association to assist with the development and pilot of a new training curriculum that brings energy efficiency skills and techniques to people in affordable and low-income housing.

Club Service - Stan Christmas promised more fun events like the last pub night and advised Guess Who's Coming to Dinner will start in the New Year. He asked people to sign up for the Lunar New Year event as we are not yet at the required minimum for this event to proceed.....

Youth Service - Phil Hochhausen commented on the success and positive impact of our Saint Francis High School Interact Club and that the recent survey done on support for our restarting the Youth Exchange program had very positive comments.

Vocational Service- Bob Cove advised the Bow Valley College mentoring program is very successful and is expanding to 39 students. Looking for people to assist with mock employment interviews. Unfortunately due to personnel changes the Rotary Den won't happen this year but he is enthusiastic for next year

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



MINUTES

Mark Rowe announced the next Homes for Hope trip to Mexico is planned for April 3 to 6, 2025. More info and chance to sign up will be coming but put it in your calendar.

RI Convention 2025 - Peter Harding, RCCHP Club RI Convention Champion, advised 27 of our members have signed up for the RI Convention June 2025 and he pleaded with everyone to sign up for the convention by Dec 15th as the registration will jump up to \$625 US on Dec 16th.

He also asked that everyone sign up to volunteer for the Convention as soon as possible and to promote volunteering to friends and family members.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

President Bill proudly welcomed Peter McLaughlin as a new member to our club. Peter spoke briefly about himself and his aspirations to help people through Rotary and our club. Glad to have you on board Peter.

SHERIFF (WYNNE BJORGAN)

Wynne Bjorgan provided a great wrap up to 2024 by squeezing out a few dollars from unsuspecting members. At least she waived the GST.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Anyone interested sign up for the Veggie and Plan Fundraiser supporting NStep and RCCHP. Contact Marlene Doherty for information.

Our next meeting will be January 10, 2025 and guest speaker will be Morgan Craig-Broadwith presenting "Culture Map (countries' cultural differences & impact on office and home)" Quote from Oprah Winfrey "If you look at what you have in life, you will always have more. If you look at what you don't have in life you'll never have enough"

We ended the meeting by reciting the Rotary 4 Way Test and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. A perfect end to 2024. See you all next year!

DUTY ROSTER

JANUARY 10, 2025

GREETERLINDA CRAIG

DOOR SALES.....MARLENE DOHERTY

INTRODUCE & THANK.....LYNDA CAMPBELL

REPORTER.....SHEILA TYMINSKI

**If you are unable to fulfil your duties please
find your own replacement.**

AGM (CONTD)

International Service – Janet Blahun advised we continue to work successfully with clubs in Mexico, Guatemala and Nigeria. Janet made the following motions:

Motion 1 - International Service moves that RCCHP provide \$2,500.00 CND toward the 5th Water for Education Project (WAFEP 5) in Ogbagi Akoko. This will install a state of art water borehole system in the community in Ondo state Nigeria contingent on a successful application for a District Grant of \$7,500.00 CND.

Second Joe Klassen. Passed unanimously

Motion 2 - International Service moves that RCCHP provide \$1,500 CND for the Ukrainian Tourniquets Program for medical supplies for medics in Ukraine.

Second Asha Paul. Passed unanimously

CLUB ELECTIONS

RCCHP officers for the Rotary year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

President – Lynda Campbell

President Elect – Joe Klassen

Vice President – Bob Clark

Treasurer – Don McArthur

Secretary – Peter Harding

Community Service – Deb Duncanson

Youth Service – Judy Cochran

Vocational Service – Bob Cove

Club Service – Rob Matthews

International Service – Janet Blahun

Other positions;

Foundation – Marlene Doherty

Public Image – Jamie Powell

Membership – Richard Broadwith

Grants – Randall Dyck

Sergeant at Arms – John Radermacher

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

JAMIE POWELL.....DEC 14
JUDY COCHRAN.....DEC 22
BARRY MURPHY.....DEC 18
HOLLY DRAKEJAN 6

ANNIVERSARY

RICHARD BROADWITH & LINDA CRAIG(50Yrs).....DEC 19
BRIAN GENTLES & ELAINE DUNCAN(12 YRS).....DEC 22
VANESSA FREEZESUMNER & JOE BRENNAN (9YRS) ..JAN 9

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

STAN CHRISTMAS (8YRS).....DEC 16
DON MCARTHUR (8YRS).....DEC 16
JOAN BELIK (9YRS).....DEC 18
JIM DAVIS (35YRS).....JAN 4
TED WOOD (13YRS).....JAN 6