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MEETING NOTES



The Gunn Barn was chockablock with chattering, enthusiastic Rotarians and guests. Celebrity Chair, Bill Skinner, had a tough time getting everyone settled down to start the meeting. Bill suggested that when he becomes club president next year he will be the oldest sitting president in club history. Walter challenged this stating he is older than just about everyone but the dispute didn't go anywhere since no one wants to hear two old guys arguing, other than maybe FOX News.

We were fortunate to have a number of guests this morning including David Townsend, Laura Harding. Cliff Tyminski, Sheila Leigh, Letitia de Oliveira from Brazil and Derick Wilkinson guest of Mark Rowe was back again so is now seriously considered a potential member.

Stan Christmas led us in our usual upbeat version of O'Canada and Bill provided a brief history on the Metis Nations in Canada and their foundation based on 5 National Resistances.

PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 23, 2024

Sheila Tyminski introduced Mark Rowe, Sheila Tyminski and Stan Christmas with their presentation about their travels to Puerto Vallarta in October 2023. They provided the history of our initial involvement in the Volcanes Kids Education Project (VKEP) when Al Hardstaff, Wynne Bjorgan and Garry Gray met with Art Fulmerton, a philanthropist in PV and connected him with the Rotary Club of PV Sur. Amazing things have come as the result of this partnership. During the trip they were involved in distribution of water filters to families in the area, concerts from Univa, a school which our club has supported with donations of musical instruments, feeding children in Magisterio, visiting a new reading room which is an extension to the Volcanes School and attending a concert in the new performance center that was built through the financial assistance of Don Hochhausen, father of our member Phil Hochhausen. The success of this program over the years is evident in the pictures of all the happy, healthy looking children. From the slide show it appears there was also time for relaxing on the beach, amazing dinners and more than a few cocktails. Something to put on your travel itinerary for sure



Sheila spoke about the BECAS scholarship program, an extension of VKEP, that supports students with their education costs after grade 6, which is the maximum the Mexican government funds, so they can go on and realize their dreams. Our club has several students receiving scholarships but there are many more waiting for the opportunity. There have been over 500 scholarships awarded since the program started and Sheila told of several graduates with degrees in medicine, accounting and education that are now giving back to their community.

BECAS has now commence a technical/trade school program for those students who which to pursue that career path and there is a growing need for people with a technical/trade education.

Sheila is calling us to action to support more scholarship to make educational dreams come true for as little as \$400 to \$600 Canadian per year. Plus you get a tax receipt. Call Sheila for more information.

Mark announced another trip is planned for October 2024. Contact Mark for information.

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

25 YEARS

DIN PEERANI

ASHA PAUL

JOHN RADERMACHER

BILL HOPE

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



MOTIONS

On Jan. 22/24 Brad Wellicome sent out an email with a draft **Club Constitution**, constructed by our Bylaw Review Committee. In that email he ask for club comments and advised that, pending any changes or challenges, a motion would be proposed to enact this Constitution at the Feb.16/24 meeting.

Having received no comments from that email he proposed the following motion:

On behalf of the RCCHP, I motion that RCCHP adopt the Constitution of the Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park version 1.7 to be enacted retroactively to December 18/23.

Seconded by Bob Clark and passed unanimously

Vocational Service motions presented by Jim Sawers:

That RCCHP allocate \$1000 towards a \$2000 district scholarship grant application, for SAIT, with District 5360 for a total of \$3000. There would be a preference towards a second year student, Alberta resident, and a single parent."

Seconded by Brad Wellicome and passed unanimously

That RCCHP allocate \$1,500 towards **Rotary Den** 2024, with Bow Valley College also contributing \$1,500 for a total of \$3,000 in Calgary prize money."

Seconded by Harold Aitkenhead and passed unanimously

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Bill Skinner wrap things up with thanks to those behind the scenes who help the meetings run smoothly including John Radermacher, Bill Hope and Roger Sonntag and reminding us there is no meeting next Friday as most of us will be at our 25th Anniversary party. Our meeting March 1st is a club assembly and the March 8th meeting will be presented by Community Service.

Also, today is National Almond Day which is healthy but boring so instead let's celebrate Feb 17th which is National Random Acts of Kindness day which I think should be every day.

Bill closed with words of wisdom by Jim Ingebrigtsen of the Winnipeg Free Press:

"The ability to speak multiple languages is an asset; but the ability to remain silent in any language is priceless." Nuff said.

Have a great week in Rotary

MINUTES

RCCHP 25th Anniversary signature project

Brad Wellicome advised the committee will be presenting two project for consideration at the March 1/24th meeting. There will be a Q&A session and member input to assist the committee to select one of the options which will then go to the board for approval on March 18th and subsequently be brought to the club for final approval

2nd Chance Art Sale

Eve asked for volunteers to attend other Rotary Club meetings in the area to spread the word about our sale and solicit donations of art but to request those members reach out to their contacts for art and to advertise the sale to increase our potential buyers.

Eve has a list of the clubs and some lovely handouts for you to take. Contact Eve if you are able to help.

Actually visiting other clubs is a lot of fun and this is a great reason to do so.

RCCHO 25th Anniversary Celebration

Wow!! We now have over 100 people attending and it is going to be a great party.

Sadly your chance to sign up is past but you can look forward to seeing the pictures of everyone having a good time on our social media sites

HAPPY BUCKS

Happy Bucks were flowing fast starting off with Doug Kinley's \$20 sad bucks for the recent passing of his brother from cancer. Peter Leigh was happy with the VKEP presentation and that Sheila has joined him for breakfast. Bill Hope was glad to see Peter Leigh back and looking healthy. Eve was very happy with the support our 2nd Chance Art Sale is receiving from Calgary Co-op. Bob Clark happy with the new technology that will allow us to sign up for our upcoming casino on line (Hint make sure to sign up),

Roger happily married for 40 years, Dave Townsend excited about our 25th Anniversary party, Sheila about the VKEP presentation and having Cliff at breakfast.

BIRTHDAYS& ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

JOHN RADERMACHER.....FEB 24

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

BOB CLARK (21YRS).....FEB 21

ROB MATTHEWS (18YRS).....FEB 28

FRAN HOCHHAUSSEN (15YRS).....FEB 24

DEBORAH DUNCANSON (1YR).....FEB 26

DUTY ROSTER

MARCH 1,2024

GREETERJIM SAWERS

DOOR SALES.....BILL SKINNER

REPORTER.....SHEILA TYMINSKI

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

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