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MEETING NOTES



We were welcomed by Janet Blahun, who was brave enough to face the cold blasts of air coming in from outside every time someone else entered the Barn. However, the deep freeze outside was no match for the warmth generated inside the barn by our members and guests. Bruce Byford ably handled door sales.

Graham rang the bell at 7:00 sharp and Peter Harding let us in Oh Canada. Once we were all settled in our seats, Graham acknowledged that we are on Treaty 7 territory, and noted that while there is much diversity between Indigenous groups. Graham introduced our guests Letitia de Oliveira (our last minute guest speaker and guest of Fran Hochhausen) and Jarod Pon (our outbound Rotary Longterm Youth Exchange student 7 years ago), as well as visiting Rotarian and our DG, Dave Leslie. Tables with guests went up first for breakfast, tables with someone wearing long underwear followed last.

PROGRAM

Lynda Campbell introduced Letitia M de Oliveira as our guest speaker. Letitia is a university student from Brazil who is here in Calgary for 12 weeks on a scholarship to study cancel culture at the University of Lethbridge (Calgary campus). Thanks to Fran and Phil Hochhausen who offered to have her live with them for the 12 weeks. They truly are amazing Rotary ambassadors.

Letitia was previously a long term Rotary Youth Exchange student (2017-18 in Columbia); since then she completed her high school (a city in the state of Sao Paulo) and attended the federal university in Curitiba, where she studied media and communications. She has been awarded 3 separate scholarships to advance her understanding of the media in the modern age: (1) In August 2023 she attended Royal Rhodes University in Victoria on a Global Affairs Canada – Emerging Leaders in the Americas scholarship where she studied how intercultural communication can help to include Brazilian immigrants in the Canadian work environment; (2) currently is on a Mitacs GRA scholarship where she is studying cancel culture; (3) following her 12 week scholarship here, she moves on to Montreal on a scholarship about the labour movement where she will study the video game culture at the U. of Montreal.

Letitia grew up in a Rotary family (her father was a Rotarian); Letitia was very involved in an Interact Club (2015-19) where she led a number of projects including a large fundraiser to rebuild a large playground and soccer fields (and was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship for her accomplishments).

Lynda thanked her for her last minute amazing presentation and for all she has done in her short life to advance the goals of Rotary.

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



MINUTES

Graham: Letitia arrived in Calgary only yesterday and was her first time seeing snow.

Joe: Our 25th Anniversary Celebration is on Feb. 23 (a fancy dinner at the Wainwright Hotel). Please register ASAP (tickets going fast) and please send any photos you have of Rotarians such as yourself in action, to Harry.

Brad W: Deadline to submit proposals for our 25th Anniversary Signature Project (ASP) was Jan. 7th; we have received 9 submissions, thank you. The adhoc committee formed for the ASP met on Jan. 10, and will meet again on Jan. 15th, to evaluate them. Further updates will be shared with club members as things proceed.

Phil: Our outreach event for Victory Church, originally scheduled for mid-Dec, will be held this coming Tuesday Jan. 16th, at the Ogden location. Contact Phil if you require more details. No need to sign up, just hoping members can join in the fellowship.

JAROD was given a minute to let us know what he's been up to since returning from Denmark 7 years ago. He completed a degree in computer science (hon) and math, having been inspired by his nerdy group in Denmark, and is now gainfully employed as a computer programmer. He attributes so much of what he has done to his year in Denmark on the RYE.

HAPPY BUCKS

Ted for storm chasing; Sheila for how amazing RYE grads are; Richard for flat tire (and Peter Leigh coming to the rescue after the meeting; Walter for the many accomplishments of Jarod; Vanessa for hopefully finishing her book club book before the meeting; Fran to welcome Letitia; Bob for all the casinos he has volunteered for in the past few days; Don for the energy industry; Graham for the wonders of clothing technology and for all the members stepping up to chair club meetings; Steve for not hosting again.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Graham adjourned the meeting and almost everyone then stayed for the Wines of the World draws. With the help of Tracey to pull the winning tickets (overseen by Jim Davis), 10 tickets were drawn and are now posted on Club Runner.

FEBRUARY 23, 2024



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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JANET BLAHUNJAN 18
BOB CLARKJAN 28
JACKIE KINLEYJAN 19

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

JAMIE POWELL (19 YRS)JAN 24

DUTY ROSTER

JANUARY 19, 2024

GREETERSTAN CHRISTMAS
DOOR SALES.....BOB CLARK
INTRODUCE & THANK.....BOB COVE
REPORTER.....JIM DAVIS

If you are unable to fulfil your duties