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**PRESIDENT
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MEETING NOTES

There were 5 tables of Rotarians this summer morning to welcome our president for the next Rotary year, Bill Skinner.

Visitor : Ian McKenzie from RCC at Stampede park

Bill explained his approach to our Friday meetings, what meeting traditions he will keep and what changes will be made i.e.

Theme : fun, fellowship & service above self

The 5th Friday will have a social evening with no agenda.at a different location. He plans to have a guest host once a month and will bring back some of the features of our club.

Plate shiner today was Marlene Doherty

CALGARY REAL ESTATE MARKET

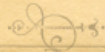
Tacey Vavrek introduced Rotarians Brian Gentles, Vanessa Freeze Sumner and Art Sumner.

We are fortunate to have such a wealth of information in our midst when it comes to the biggest investment most of us will make. Brian is a mortgage broker and his specialty (after 20+years at the top of this business) is helping the public understand mortgages and finding the best personal mortgage. Vanessa is a realtor, with 5 years' experience, including being a certified Condo Specialist. She enjoys educating her clients fully on their real estate decisions so that they understand all the implications. Art and Vanessa work together as realtors. Art brings to his many years of selling, a long experience in hands on property development

Their talk covered Calgary's recent real estate history. How Covid and the falling oil price emptied the downtown and reduced home building. 5,500 monthly local listings is about the number that has a nice balance between buyers and sellers. 3,500 last year had panic buying and 10+ offers per house. Calgary is now heading back towards balance (due to more home building?) with perhaps 2-3 offers per house. Vanessa explained her key points for clients. Some examples: for sellers, good photos and updated property survey and for buyers, keep an open mind, understand family priorities and get financing pre-approved. Brian reckons that mortgage rates may still come down a little in July. He advises that bi-weekly mortgage payments don't save much but accelerated payments can save a lot.

Tracey thanked the trio for helping us understand our current real estate market.

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



Rotary International President-elect Stephanie Urchick announced that the 2024-25 presidential theme is The Magic of Rotary and called on members to recognize and amplify the organization's power to save lives.

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read.

Groucho Marx)

BIRTHDAYS& ANNIVERSARIES

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- BRUCE & DAWN BYFORD (34YRS).....JULY 21
- JAMIE & NATALIE POWELL (23YRS).....JULY 21
- VANITA SAPRE & SANJAY POKHIYAL(20YRS)JULY 21
- MIKE & RENEE MICKKELSON (33YRS).....JULY 20

MOTIONS

From Don McArthur (Treasurer)

I move that the motion regarding Avenue of Service budget passed on June 17 is hereby rescinded. In its place, RCCHP shall assign a budget of \$100,000 in total for Avenue of Service Committees including Community, Youth, Vocational and International Service.

Accepted.

The Board will assign budgets to Avenue of Service on Jul 22.

HAPPY BUCKS



Bob Cove : fun helping Disabled sailors Stampede breakfast with 5 other RCCHP

Brian G – for sold out <https://ablung.ca/breathing-space/> RCCHP has 10 tickets in 50/50 draw Jul 18th. John R is RCCHP “trustee” and attending.

Marlene : daughter visiting from New Zealand, 2 years since last together

Tracey : remembering Rotary work in Yukon with guest Ian McKenzie

Bill S : a smooth first meeting. John said “don’t get used to it!!”

DUTY ROSTER

JULY 19,2024

- GREETER**VINCE VAVREK
- DOOR SALES**.....ART SUMNER
- INTRODUCE & THANK**.....BRAD WELLCOME
- REPORTER**.....JIM DAVIS

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