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MEETING NOTES

Vince Vavrek greeted everyone as they entered.

President Bill kicked off his second meeting of the Rotary year right on time with a resounding hit to the bell bringing us quickly to order. He moved right into a comment on truth and reconciliation with reference to the United Nations resolution passed in 2007, which took Canada until 2021 to formally adopt.

We welcomed guests Doug Hood (RCC at Stampede Park), Garry Gray, Wynne Bjorgan, Marlene Doherty, Thampi Thomas (guest of Asha), Melanie Seneviratne (guest of Vanessa) and Ashley Yu from Inclusion Alberta.

Breakfast was chaotic as every table (but one) had guests.

PROGRAM

Our newest member, Wynne, introduced our guest speakers Doug Hood and Bill Skinner on their Yucatan Adventure 2024. A trip focused on sightseeing, environmental issues, and Rotary. This was a self-admitted boondoggle by a couple of budget tourists staying and exploring local history, architecture and ruins. Followed up regularly with the local cuisine and beverages (not necessarily in that order). Unilingual Doug gave some very impressive history of some of the colonial churches and Mayan ruins including how the local population was subjugated by both the Spanish and then the elite white Mexicans. This is an area rich in history and while many of the structures are long gone, they are meaningful in what they stood for and there are instances of partial restoration so they may continue to be used today. Doug also explained how the Mayan calendar had so many unique days and that the Pyramid of Kukulcan was built reflecting the historical significance of their calendar. We also learned about a ball court sport where there were sacrifices made in honour of the game. Including literal sacrifices of team players although Doug's research didn't reveal if the winners or losers or even if whole teams were sacrificed. Bilingual Bill offered some additional insight on "cenotes", or sinkholes, and how they are so prevalent in the peninsula. Doug and Bill managed a couple of Rotary meetings, RC of Merida and RC of Merida English.

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



MINUTES

We had two opportunities for involvement presented to us. Doug K is looking for two more volunteers for a sweat equity project with L'Arche to help repair a fence on July 31. Only a half day project. Contact Doug if you can help. Marlene reminded us of the Tsuu T'ina Pow Wow on July 26 from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Please contact Sheila if you would like to attend.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Bill reminded us that our speaker next week is Dr Euan Thompson, founder of Each & Every, an organization focused on reducing preventable drug poisoning.

As will become tradition for this year, we closed reciting the Four-Way Test.

PROGRAM (CONTD)

Bill talked about how there are a great many needs in the communities they visited and that all of us should be on the lookout for potential RCCHP projects as we travel. He had an example of a school for grades 1-3, where this could be the only formal education that a child was able to access. To identify a local contact for a project in some of these communities would be a challenge however in many cases, there is a solution.

The President didn't think the speakers needed to be thanked so he moved on to other business.

NEW/OLD MEMBER INDUCTION

VP Bob Clark was called to the podium to induct back into our Club, two former members, Garry Gray and Wynne Bjorgan. Bob recounted vivid personal memories of Garry and Wynne when they were members and how they impacted him. A very warm welcome was extended by the members to our inductees



BIRTHDAYS& ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS



CARLOE STEEVES (JOE KLASSEN).....JULY 26
KAREN SONTAG.....JULY 27

DUTY ROSTER

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GREETERTED WOOD
DOOR SALES.....HAROLD AITKENHEAD
INTRODUCE & THANK.....SHEILA TYMINSKI
REPORTER.....SHEILA TYMINSKI

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