



THE STANDARD

JUNE 7, 2024

VOLUME 2

ISSUE 41

**PRESIDENT
GRAHAM DRAKE**

**REPORTER
PETER LEIGH**

**EDITOR
ASHA PAUL**



MEETING NOTES

ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY HERITAGE PARK

Walter Zuk was our friendly greeter for our first June 2024 meeting. The meeting was started on time, by, our MC for the day, Jim Sawers. Jim called on Stan Christmas to lead us in "Oh Canada", our small, but enthusiastic group produced an impressive rendition of Oh Canada. Following Jim's indigenous land acknowledgement, Jim shared with us the history, and the names of some of the first professional indigenous golfers who made names for themselves in Canada, and in the US Open in the late 1800's, by wins and being in some of the top players groups representing their golf clubs, and there were quite a few indigenous and black players, who had to make inroads with a golfing fraternity dealing with mostly Scotts and Englishmen, which was a formidable challenge.

Jim then then extended a very warm welcome our visiting guests, Marlene Doherty from Calgary West, Judy Cochrane, and Craig Elias, guest of Bob Clark.

Next as always was the excellent Gunn's Dairy Barn breakfast buffet, as always tables with guests went first.

VOCATIONAL SERVICES

1. **Jim Sawers** next introduced the presentation of the 10 strong Vocational Services Committee.

Great presentations were done by the following members :

Jim Sawers on the history, evolution and nature of projects done by this committee within our club, and pointed out that we are the only district 5360 club with a solely vocational services committee.

2. **Lynda Campbell** spoke on the development of the Rotary Den (loosely based on the Dragon's Den TV series) project partnership of our Vocational Services Committee with Bow Valley College and their entrepreneur in residence, Craig Elias, to help, encourage, support and promote entrepreneurship among students at Bow Valley College, by mentoring students in preparing and submitting entrepreneurial presentations to pitch business model opportunities they have identified, in a competition, with monetary first and second prizes for the best presentations to help with bringing to fruition these business opportunities, and a sponsorship to Draper University's entrepreneur's boot camp. Since it's 2019 inception, participant student numbers have significantly increased over the years, as partnerships with other District 5360 Rotary Clubs, and learning institutions including Olds College and Medicine Hat College have been added. Students have shared their experiences in many positive letters of feedback to our committee.

3. **Craig Elias** added his in person appreciation from his Bow Valley College Resident Entrepreneur point of view, and shared one story of a Rotary Den prize winning student who went on to the Draper University in the US, and returned with \$100,000 in investment money for her project, after no one would sponsor her from Alberta, she then went on to obtain another \$400,000 of venture capital and another matching \$1,000,000 from within Canada.

4. **Lorne Kelly** presented to us, the Vocational Services Committee's project to support the Youth Culinary Arts Program at the Woods Homes organisation for vulnerable and deserving young adults. Woods provides sheltered accommodation, and counselling to vulnerable young adults, as well as training in culinary arts by red seal chefs for two to four months, resulting in over two thirds of them finding work following the training. Our club donations have provided funds that have enabled them to purchase a freezer, and to support and expand their programs to really help Woods Homes make a significant difference to more lives of vulnerable young adults.

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



VOCATIONAL SERVICES (CONTD)

5. Doug MacDonald presented the Bow Valley College Mentoring Project. This involves giving students mock interviews in preparation for real job interviews, and other career related advice.

Doug showed us a video from the Bow Valley College students and staff who all thanked our club very much indeed for all the mentoring and advice our club has contributed. Since it's inception, the number of students participating in this program has doubled.

6. Jim Sawers presented the Prospect Human Services program for students from high school age and up approximately 27, to assist them with entering or returning to the workforce, focusing especially on students with disabilities, and gives them challenges by having them do outdoor pursuit courses in groups, which helps develop leadership and harmonisation abilities, which will help them in the workforce. Our funding has provided for example, students with winter boots, shoes, as well as purchase of hikers, snowshoes and outdoor clothing to do outdoor winter pursuits in the Kananaskis area. Jim shared one story of a student who successfully applied for a job at the U of C, and was later was promoted, and is thriving in their new position at the University helping with the organisational side of outdoor pursuits activities there.

MINUTES

Bob Clark reminded us of the President's Social coming up at 6pm, on 20th June at Heritage park, so register asap for this event, packed full of fun, games, fellowship and prizes.

HAPPY BUCKS

Thanks to Lynda Campbell, Walter Zuk, Bob Clark, Stan Christmas, Harold Aitken, Richard Broadwith, Lorne Kelly and Bill Skinner, for sharing their happy moments and bucks, and on that note congratulations to Bob Clark and his wife Tien who are celebrating 10 years of wedded bliss.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

MC Jim Sawers reminded us of the 7th June, 80th Anniversary of the D-day landings, and also the first world war, and to remember all those who paid the ultimate price with their lives. As well, on alighter, but related note, Jim shared the the fascinating story behind National Donut Day also celebrated on Friday, 7th June, check the story on the internet – it makes interesting reading.

SHERIFF (HITMAN STAN)

Our surprise sheriff Stan Christmas wreaked havoc on a significant percentage of our assembled membership – and guests as well this time – guest Marlene Doherty was the first to get the sheriff's attention, followed in quick succession by Walter Zuk, Peter Leigh, Bob Clark, Roger Sonntag, Bill Skinner, Harold Aitken, and Lynda Campbell. Thanks to for all your contributions folks, and to Sheriff Stan for his rapid and surgical efficiency in increasing the RCCHP revenue stream !

BIRTHDAYS& ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

FRAN HOCHHAUSEN.....JUNE14

ANNIVERSARY

WALTER & JESSIE ZUKJUNE 21

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

BRIAN GENTLES.(17YRS).....JUNE 19

ROGER SONTAG (8YRS).....JUNE 17

DUTY ROSTER

JUNE 14,2024

GREETERMIKE MIKKELSON

DOOR SALES.....ASHA PAUL

INTRODUCE & THANK.....NONE

REPORTER.....ROGER SONTAG

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

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