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MEETING NOTES

It was a full house today, the first day of November. The gang was so wild and loud that President Bill could hardly get the room settled to start the meeting. Maybe everyone was still wired on candy from all the Halloween treats last night. That carried through O'Canada, lead beautifully by Stan Christmas but sung in a very spook key.

Finally in control, President Bill noted that Nov 1st is All Saints Day and also the Day of the Dead "Dia de los Muertos" in Mexico. Bill also mentioned it was National Vegan day which is as exciting as tofu.

We had a number of guests including our ADG Dave Leslie however Bill stumbled through the list of the others so I didn't catch the names however all were welcome with great enthusiasm as is the Heritage Park Rotary way.

President Bill's Indigenous minute spoke to the land rights of the Metis people and how many of the Metis were swindled out of their land rights by settlers, politicians and some church officials however in 1938 Alberta allocated land for 8 Metis settlements comprising of over 500,000 hectares. These lands are legislated and managed by the Metis Settlements General Council.

Almost every table had a guest so on Bill's command there was a mad rush to the buffet which had our designated plate shiner, Bruce Byford, in a polishing frenzy

PROGRAM

Mark Rowe introduced Suneel Rajavaram, Senior Manager of the Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology (CAWST) who spoke to us about Affordable Point of Use Water Treatment to Aid Sustainable Development. Suneel was born and raised in India and knows firsthand the problems with people easily attaining clean drinking water. He said there are 2.4 million people in the world dealing with contaminated water problems such as microbiological issues or naturally occurring chemicals such as fluoride and arsenic to industrial and agricultural pollution. Each day one thousand children die due to diarrhea from drinking contaminated water and for the most part this is totally preventable.

The United Nations has declared safe drinking water to be a basic human right.

CAWST works through numerous agencies to promote awareness and use of the numerous point of use water filters and purification methods, training people in the use and maintenance of these systems, provide training material to the local groups using these and providing other related resources where needed. Their work has resulted in over 14 million people attaining safe drinking water, proper sanitation resources and hygiene education improving millions of lives.

Mark Rowe thanked Suneel for his presentation and President Bill attested to the good work CAWST does as he worked with them on his water projects in Guatemala

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MINUTES

The Rotary Foundation

Brad Wellicome announced that November is Rotary Foundation Month and provided a brief explanation of the Foundation and what it does as well as the different ways we can contribute to the success of the Foundation and Rotary's work around the world. Our club will be matching donations to the Foundation towards Paul Harris recognition one PH point for each US dollar donated up to 500 PH points. Donate \$500 US and the matching points will get you your first Paul Harris level recognition.

Brad then recognized Paul Harris achievements of Stan Christmas (his first) Steve Dunk (PH+2) and Bill Skinner and Don McArthur (both PH+7).

Polio Plus

Marlene Doherty took the stage to speak about Polio Plus and the 5360 Polio Plus society which members commit to donating \$100 US to Polio Plus each year until Polio is history. Members in our club include Judy Cochran, Harry Kim, Bill Skinner, Marlene Doherty and Brad Wellicome. More well-earned pins were handed out

New Generation Service Exchange

Janet Blahun introduced Gio Giraladini, one of our NGSE participants, who gave us a brief rundown on her background and home of Sao Paulo, Brazil, her plans and goals for her exchange visit and what she has enjoyed and learned so far. If you are interested in enhancing this exchange experience for our young visitors please contact Janet.

2025 RI Convention

Tracy Vavrek spoke about the upcoming 2025 RI International Convention in Calgary. So far there are 22,500 people from 520 districts registered to come to Calgary in June 2025.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAY

ELAINE DUNCAN (BRIAN GENTLES).....Nov 5

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

MIKE MICKELSON (2YRS).....Nov 9

MEMBER INDUCTION

President Bill welcomed Ginny Murphy back to our club to rousing applause from the membership who have enjoyed working with Ginny over the years and are thrilled to have her back as a member.

Ginny immediately reminded the club that the Blood Donors for Life program was still running and we were behind on our annual blood donation commitment. Welcome back Ginny.

MINUTES (CONTD)

Wow!! Our club has 24 members registered which is a good turnout but, as President Bill says, RCCHP can do better. Bill hopes to see twice that number of members at the convention. If you are thinking of registering you should do it by Dec 15th because that's when the registration fee jumps up \$100 US.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Wasn't that a jam packed meeting?

Our next meeting on Nov 8th will have guest speaker Jeromy Farkas, CEO at the Glenbow Ranch Park Foundation speaking on "Building a Legacy: Conservation and Community at Glenbow Ranch

Bill wrapped up the morning with his "Parting Shot".

Volunteers are unpaid not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.

Meeting closed with all of us standing and reciting the Rotary 4 Way Test.

Then we were out the door into the cool crisp November morning air eagerly looking forward to getting together next Friday. See you there.

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