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MEETING NOTES

Tw was a foggy morning on the moors, as the wind and predawn beasts howled. President Bill Skinner provided a one-minute warning and then tolled the bell to call us to order at 7:00 am. Since 2013, November 15 is National Philanthropy Day in Canada; following the US example in 1986. Bill noted November 19 is World Toilet Day. 1.7 billion people still require improved sanitation.

A bright and shiny Peter Harding led the singing of O Canada. Bill reminded us that we are here for: fun, fellowship, and service above self.

Guests, Ashley Yu from Inclusion Alberta, potential new member Peter McLaughlin, and guest speaker Pat Newman, were introduced and welcomed.

Bill provided information regarding Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982. Unfortunately, most issues are subject to legal interpretation of individual treaties, which do not even exist for all Indigenous groups.

Judy Cochrane volunteered to shine the plates for a breakfast bounty, which included yogurt and burritos.

PROGRAM

Peter Harding introduced Pat Newman, representing the RI Convention host hospitality committee.

Similar to riding horses into hotel lobbies, RI host hospitality started with Calgarians, in 1996. 4,500 seats for dinner events equals 15% of the expected 27,000 – 30,000 attendees. Wynne officially signed our club up for a Gunn Dairy Barn dinner. Guests will be transported to Heritage Park and be provided with an opportunity to walk around first. Buses will be staged from Stampede Park. The LRT will be free for the duration of the convention. Daily scheduled events will occur primarily at Stampede Park. New Blood will be presented at the Jubilee Auditorium.

Breakout sessions, on a variety of topics, will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday. Duplicate opening ceremonies will occur at the Dome.

A thank you celebration event is scheduled for Wednesday. There will be no District Conference this year due to the International Convention.

Top tier entertainment to be announced at a later date. There will be some separate ticketed events.

Volunteers are needed. Shift assignments will be determined in April. All volunteers will receive a vest and cowboy hat, so provide your sizes well in advance.

Both pre and post-convention tours are being organized with more news to follow. We do not want competition with convention events.

Peter thanked Pat, who thanked Peter for his work to date.

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



MINUTES

Brad & Sheila discussed restarting youth exchange. High school students between the ages of 15 and 17 ½ are eligible for an 11-month exchange. Benefits include: learning a new culture and language, building self-confidence, creating a worldview, developing leadership and communication skills. Started in 1927, RCCHP became involved in 2010 with an exchange involving Annina and Trevor. The potential timeline is: January to April 2025 club commitment, May – November 2025 promotion, Late November selection, and January 2026 orientation. Our club is responsible for an outbound and an inbound counsellor, student safety, and coordination. Club members are encouraged to involve the student in activities and host opportunities. Hosts provide a safe, warm, and caring environment. It is a 2.5-month commitment to provide the student with a home away from home. Hosts are enriched, educated, and make a difference. Host family testimonials were provided. The club benefits because RCCHP is injected with youthful energy, and it introduces more people to Rotary. Total cost is \$10,000: outbound student \$3,000; counsellor training \$600; and inbound student \$6,400. Next steps: assess club member interest via an anonymous online survey, and then determine involvement and hosts. This would be a shared opportunity/responsibility amongst club members.

Bob Clark encouraged members to: attend the Grey Cup chili cookoff hosted by Marlene and Dan Doherty (well attended with 11 outstanding chili entrants and judged by some of our club's wisest and most discerning gourmands), register for our December 5 Christmas Party, register for the Lunar New Year dinner, and save the date for the January 5th Friday social event. A meeting will be held in Rotary Hall on Wednesday November 20 for people aged 20 – 40, who are interested in service and potentially creating another club, supported by RCCHP.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

WYNNE BJORGAN.....Nov 25
STAN CHRISTMAS.....Nov 25

ANNIVERSARY

THAMPI & MINI THOMAS (35YRS).....Nov 27

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

VANESSA FREEZE SUMNER (3YRS).....Nov 19
PHIOL HOCHHAUSEN.(16YRS).....Nov 20
BRAD WELLCOME (12YRS).....Nov 23
HAROLD AITKENHEAD (16YRS).....Nov 28

HAPPY BUCKS

Linda Craig \$5 plus \$75 to Polio Plus for Richard's 80th (November 15).

Jamie \$5 that WOW \$100 tickets are sold out. \$50 tickets are still available.

Steve Dunk \$5 in anticipation of Bruce Springsteen performing on November 16.

Ola \$20 thankful to be back from the Yukon.

Judy was happy that short-term exchange student Julia is now engaged.

Jim Sawers \$5 that his grandchild has his passport and is ready to travel

SHERIFF

In a wedding twist, Ted determined that many club members have been married for more than 45 years. Those blissful members happily paid the \$5 fine. Harold and Christine hold the current club record of over 55 years. Some club members, including Ted met and married teenage sweethearts. (Those members were also teenagers at the time).

MINUTES (CONTD)

In other news, Bob Cove has taken over as Vocational Service Chair.

Manon Mitchell has produced a legal impact commentary regarding a disturbing news story that mischaracterizes a legal will challenge.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Next meeting: Ujamma Grammas

Closing thought: he who allows oppression shares the crime.

The meeting closed with the Rotary 4-Way Test.

DUTY ROSTER

NOVEMBER 22, 2024

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INTRODUCE & THANK.....BILL SKINNER
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