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**PRESIDENT
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MEETING NOTES

Harold Aitkenhead gave everyone a warm greeting on this cold and snowy winter day.

Host, Dr. Joe Klassen invited everyone to sit, while he introduced our guests, then invited our frequent conductor, Stan Christmas to lead us in our National Anthem.

Joe then shared a personal story in lieu of a land acknowledgment. In a previous role with XEROX, Joe met Chief Harry Crook from Lac La Ronge on many occasions. Harry was a grandfather and respected elder in the community. Joe developed a mutually friendly relationship with Harry where they felt comfortable teasing each other in a friendly way. Joe was impressed by the Chief's respect and humour about the human condition and treasures memories of the relationship.

Guests: Jeromy Farkus - Guest of Bob Clark, Deb Hymers (INSTEP) - Guest of Linda Craig, Baba Kunle - Guest of Ola Olutuyi

Visiting Rotarians: Craig Henderson (downtown) and his guest, Rob Kelly

Guest Speakers: Susan Plesuk and Anne Taylor

PROGRAM

President Bill Skinner introduced Susan Plesuk and Anne Taylor from Ujamaa Grandmas. Ujamaa is a Swahili word representing concepts such as "working together", "extended family", or "community". Ujamaa Grandmas is a Calgary based charity with over 500 members established as a charitable organization in 2004 and became Ujamaa Grandma's in 2007. They are part of the "Grandmothers to Grandmothers" campaign which consists of over 200 groups across Canada, Australia and the UK. The campaign is an initiative of the Stephen Lewis Foundation (SLF).

Their mission is to raise awareness and funds to transform lives of African grandmothers and children affected by HIV/AIDS. The pandemic created a large generational gap in Sub-Saharan Africa, resulting in some countries where 60% of orphans are raised by grandmothers. The SLF Grandmothers Campaign coordinates community led projects in affected communities focussing on income generating activities, support groups, food/housing and health and counselling. Ujamaa Grandma's has established strong connections with some communities in Africa through the SLF, and several African grandmothers have visited Calgary and Canada to raise awareness of the needs in Africa. Ujamaa Grandma's raise funds by fabric and yard sales, selling of purses and bags (and digital patterns!). Their fundraising has been very successful, having raised over \$2million over the last 20 years for the Grandmothers Campaign. They raised over \$147,000 this year. They noted that RCCHP has assisted in some of the sales, helping move yarn and fabric from storage to the sale venue. President Bill thanked the speakers

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



MINUTES

Brad Wellicome reminded the Club of the important work and funding available from the Rotary Foundation. The Club has set a target of \$8000 for donations. He noted that December 3 is Giving Tuesday and members may want to consider a donation to the Foundation on that day.

Bob Clark noted that Peter McLaughlin's membership application has been approved by the Board. He also provided the results of our casino volunteering efforts - \$84,862 !!!!

John Radermacher noted that we have added more Co-op donation locations for our Second Chance Art Sale to potentially increase donations. As a result, we need 2 more drivers to pick up art once/week, for approximately 6 weeks, as well as one more "floater/backup" driver.

Rob Kelly (guest of Craig Henderson) introduced himself and the project that he is working on with the downtown Rotary Club. Rob is a video producer and director and is working on a video to promote Rotary. He welcomed any ideas or suggestions from RCCHP members. If you think of a suggestion after reading the Standard, contact Craig.

NEW MEMBER

The Board has approved the application for membership of Peter McLaughlin.

Classification: Security Professional

Sponsor: Bob Cove

Barring any objection he will be inducted shortly.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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MIKE MIKKELSONNOV 29

TRACEY VAVREKDEC 6

ANNIVERSARY

PHIL & FRAN HOCHHAUSEN (51YRS).....DEC 1

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

RICHARD BROADWITH (33YRS).....DEC 1

MOTIONS

Roger Sontaag – Motion, "The community services committee moves that the Rotary Club of Heritage Park donate \$3700 to Victory Outreach to fund the purchase of \$3040 in gift certificates for residents and \$660 to fund the bingo evening (prizes and cost to replace bingo game materials). ". Seconded by John Radermacher. Carried

Steve Dunk- Motion. : "The Youth Services Committee moves that RCCHP provide up to \$7000 for registration and transportation for youth programs, RYLA, RYPEN, RAYEC and Adventures in Citizenship. Seconded by Linda Craig. Carried

HAPPY BUCKS

Lots of happy folks including, Joe Klassen, Bob Clark, Jaimie Powell, Sheila Tyminski, Deb Hymers (INSTEP), Bob Cove, Richard Broadwith, Ted Wood, Stan Christmas, Bill Skinner, John Radermacher and Doug Kinley. They were happy and thankful for (out of order incomplete list) the Heritage Park catering staff, the snow, going south for the winter, new members, grandkids, speakers, Interact Clubs and our speakers.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Host Joe ended the meeting with an announcement that today is International Flossing Day, noting that it seemed more appropriate to mention this after breakfast than before

DUTY ROSTER

NOVEMBER 29, 2024

GREETERRICHARD BROADWITH

DOOR SALES.....BRUCE BYFORD

INTRODUCE & THANK.....LYNDA CAMPBELL

REPORTER.....PETER LEIGH

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