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MEETING NOTES

Velma was our warm, smiling greeter for our meeting.

Following the National Anthem and indigenous land acknowledgement, Bill shared with us his experience and photos of the ground breaking ceremony for the Heritage Park Indigenous Shelters construction project, which our club is helping to fund, at the First Nations Encampment in the park.

Bill welcomed our visitors and guests who included District Governor Christina Hassan (our guest speaker), Ginny Murphy, a returning member; potential new member - Peter McLaughlin, and new inductees to our club at this meeting - Randall Dyck and Brenda Walton.

Bill then offered a none religious invocation highlighting the Rotary values from the Four Way Test, then appointed Wynne Bjorqan as our plate shiner for the meeting.

PROGRAM

Bill introduced our guest speaker, Christina Hassan, who is from Ontario, has a long history with Rotary, which began when she was a teenager, including forging her own path to being an exchange student and went to Germany. She was President of ROTARACT, moved to Calgary in 2013, and eventually joined the Rotary Club of Fish Creek, became President of that club in 2021/2022. During that time Christine acquired three degrees, a B.Sc & M.Sc of Public Health from the University of Waterloo, and a Law Degree from the U of C. Christine has been awarded the title of Honorary Consul to Germany.

From her volunteer work in Uganda Christina along with her now husband Hyder Hassan also founded FullSoul, a charity dedicated to improving mother and baby mortality rates during childbirth in Ugandan hospitals by supplying all the safe sterilised equipment which the mothers are expected to supply themselves, but in many cases Cannot afford. In 2018 Christina was chosen as one of six people in the world by the UN, in the People of Action Honours awards, for her work with Rotary projects. During all of this she has managed to have three children during her marriage to Hyder.

Christina shared with us with slides, her Rotary journey from age 15, her youth exchange plans, her first Kitchener – Waterloo club experiences, her youth exchange, RYLA, RIPEN, INTERACT, and ROTARACT, including her playing hockey in the German Olympic hockey farm team, overcoming her five year cancer treatment, her volunteer years in sub Saharan Africa hospital recovery and birthing rooms, and on her return to Canada had the motivation to create the FullSoul Canada charity, with lots of offers of financial support from the Rotary club members. FullSoul continues to be active in Uganda, with Hyder Hassan being a big part of that.

Christina gave us a great update on the District Rotary team, reminding us the we are membership positive in the Calgary District, our club is a significant participant the Polio Plus program to eradicate polio.

2025 Rotary International Convention is happening in June in Calgary, and the last time Calgary hosted it was in 1996, Calgary earned the reputation of having the best ever Rotary International Convention due to our reputation for our great hospitality, and Christina is confident this one is going to be even better. Currently there are 20,000 Rotarians registered, and we are getting closer by the day to our goal of 30,000 registered. Christina handed out pins to everyone at the meeting for the 2025 World Convention.

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



NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Tracey Vavrek introduced and welcomed Brenda Walton a previous Rotarian from Bowden, Brenda grew up on the farm, and is a business graduate from Red Deer College. In 1999, Brenda established her own company, which delivers strategic stakeholder and indigenous engagement programs for corporate clients' regulatory agencies in government. Brenda has also been involved in fund raising for the Red Deer Hospitals Foundation.

Bob Clark introduced and welcomed Randall Dyck a systems analyst, computer systems and business process design engineer, educator, author, and advocate for positive change in educational systems (recently retired), and, a new Rotarian born and raised in southern Manitoba, where he received his degree in Computer systems, Maths and Economics.



Randall worked in industry for twenty years designing and building computer systems for businesses, during which time he achieved his MBA, and PhD. Randall finished his career in academics, teaching full time data bases, data analytics, and programming at the University of Lethbridge, and most recently SAIT in Calgary. He has published two books and several papers on guidelines for improving educational quality in schools, colleges and universities.

Randall is an avid sailor, which is how he met Brian Gentles, and connected with our club.

DG Christina Hassan, welcomed Brenda and Randall, and presented the RCCHP information packages to our two new members.

A big welcome to Branda and Randall from all our members.

President Bill Skinner welcomed our new members, and thanked Christina for doing the inductions.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

The mind is like an umbrella, it is best left open !
By architect Walter Gropius

NEXT WEEK

Thanksgiving
Asha Paul

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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VINCE VAVREKOCT 19
IVY KRAUSE-MACDONALD.....OCT 15

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

BRUCE BYFORD (14 YRS).....OCT 15

DUTY ROSTER

OCTOBER 11,2024

GREETERRAJU PAUL
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INTRODUCE & THANK.....PETER HARDING
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