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## MEETING NOTES

We were welcomed warmly into the Barn this Fall morning by Raju and Asha.

After a tuneful national Anthem , Bill shared as Truth and Reconciliation Remarks [the Principles respecting the Gov of Canada's Relationship with Indigenous peoples](https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cs-j-sjc/principles-principes.html)" <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cs-j-sjc/principles-principes.html>

These are intended to guide the Government's commitment to nation-to-nation relationships.

Bill welcomed Ted Wood's guest, Mark Forrest.

The invocation noted, if the Golden Rule was followed by all nations there would be no hunger and conflict

Randall Dyck was plate shiner. Ted shared his 2-napkin Palliser trained style so breakfast had a beautifully polished start.

## PROGRAM

Peter Harding introduced RCCHP charter member, Asha. He reminded us of her roots in Kerala, India, and her stellar career in medicine in Calgary. Her scope varied from treating children with ADHD to Family Medicine, later advising in the creation of primary care networks and currently sharing her wide experience by teaching medical students.

Asha thinks Canadians have a lot to be thankful for and that it is valuable to have an occasion to reflect on the good in our lives whether family, health or prosperity.

First Nation communities had a Fall celebration of the work of harvesting crops & game. However early Canadian Thanksgivings were about thanking God for keeping early explorers safe in this "New World". The date moved variously from April to November, but in 1957 TG was declared the second Monday in October. American TG also has roots in settlers' gratitude for survival but in 1939, the Depression spurred President Roosevelt to fix TG on 4th Thursday of November, thus expanding the shopping season and helping the economy.

Asha took us around the world looking at Thanksgiving in various countries (eg India, Korea, Germany, Poland, Nigeria, Egypt). We learnt that dates and customs can vary greatly but the theme remains the same i.e. the urge to celebrate one's blessings and be grateful for community and seasonal abundance.

Members were invited to describe personal TG traditions : Phil-inlaws marshmallow salad, Ted – travel to be with in-laws, Wynne – adds birthdays to TG, Bill S-hopes son cooking turkey is new tradition.

Peter H thanked Asha for her in depth and well researched talk.

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## MINUTES

Peter H : Sign up now to volunteer at Convention. 1500-2000 volunteers needed. Ask friends & family, No need to be registered (reg will go up \$100 in Dec). More info in Fifty360 and coming email from Peter.

Bill S : 23 RCCHP are registered , let's increase that number

Doug Mc D : Rotary Employment Partnership (for intellectually disabled) recently placed 18 in work, ranging from mail room to manufacturing. Please think of how these adults could help your workplace.

John R : Rotary Remembers Nov 11 in Carriage House Inn \$55, speaker is inspiring ex-military pilot.

Jamie: Wines of the World raffle coming in 2 weeks. 3@\$100, 1 x \$50

Stan : RCCHP celebrate Asian New Year , Jan 23, \$69, need 70.

## HAPPY BUCKS



11 people were happy for eg travel, new members, today's presentation, return to acting by Steve D (Ghouls' Night Heritage park.)

## SHERRIFF



Mark Rowe found ways to fine most of us.

## CONCLUDING REMARKS

Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail

RW Emerson.

## NEXT WEEK

Peace by Piece Quilters

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

#### ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

JOE KLASSEN (18YRS).....OCT 18

### DUTY ROSTER

**OCTOBER 18, 2024**

GREETER .....JAMIE POWELL

DOOR SALES.....MARK ROWE

INTRODUCE & THANK.....JOHN RADERMACHER

REPORTER.....DEB DUNCANSON

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please find your own replacement.**

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