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MEETING NOTES

Lynda had to ring the bell a few times to settle the large crowd down enough for Peter Harding to lead us in a hearty round of O'Canada.

In honor of the recently passed Ida Hardstaff (Al Hardstaff's spouse), Lynda led grace before we were released for breakfast.

We had a lot of guests. Peter McLaughlin (Able Sailing) – Guest of Bob Cove; Randall Dyck – Member Candidate; Nadeen Tan – Guest of Randall Dyck; Kayla – Guest of Diane Kashuba; Nicole – Guest of Diane Kashuba; Dawn Byford – Guest of Bruce Byford and Michelle Thacher – Guest of Dawn

We were saddened to find out that Ida Hardstaff, spouse of Al Hardstaff, has passed away. Bob Clark shared that a private service would happen within the next few days but they were planning on having a celebration of life for a larger group at a later date. The club will be updated when additional information is available.

Lynda Campbell and Peter Harding split the meeting chair duties as Lynda had been called away for work

ORANGE SHIRT DAY & CLUB ANNIVERSARY PROJECT

Introduced by: Peter Harding introduced Anita Crowshoe (Siistsii), a proud member of the Piikani Nation. She comes from a family of noted cultural and spiritual leaders (paternal grandparents - Joe and Josephine Crowshoe) and successful ranchers (maternal grandparents – Julius and Elizabeth English). Anita is a Sr Indigenous Engagement Advisor at Heritage Park and has a combination of Piikani-Blackfoot and western education. She was also transferred the rites to the Okan (Sundance) of the Piikani Nation which she holds in high regard.

Anita began by greeting us in both Blackfoot and English. She was consulted on how to bring indigenous system practices into one of the education systems within Calgary. She read us a letter from a concerned parent who wanted direct information on how these offerings would change their child's day-to-day school life. With Anita's response to this parent, she exemplified a compassionate understanding and explained that she saw the injustice and how deeply it was ingrained. She explained that the smudging that was being made available in the Blackfoot style was a form of "sanctified kindness" and "truthing", providing a safe ethical space. Her position is to support parents and the change the Truth and Reconciliation Commission is trying to enact within the education system.

Anita spoke to the "system practices" such as our land acknowledgement and actions we are taking and said she was happy to support us in it.

Next, Anita led us through some visual pictographs. She showed us an "annual report" and taught us that these were read clockwise. This was a skill that she learned from her grandfather. As a child, she witnessed her grandfather interpreting pictures from a hide that the archeologist and colleagues had failed to decipher for years. She shared with us that her Auntie greeted her with tears after learning the traditional skills that she continues. Her Auntie never thought in her lifetime after residential school, that the next generation would be able to create in the traditional ways.

Anita shared with us that the ground breaking ceremony for the First Nations Encampment Structure Project would be done in traditional ways with help from her parents and her cousin's drum group. It will include a smudge. She concluded, "without a smudge, would it be the truth?"

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



MINUTES

Diane Kashuba – First Nations Encampment Structure Update – A local architect has been used to model the structures like a Pow wow space. Despite the hard roof that will be part of the permanent structure, annually the interpreters will weave a traditional branch roof. Due to delays with city permitting, the first structure will not be up in time for the Sept 29 Truth and Reconciliation event, however, there will be a traditional groundbreaking ceremony held. Full details to come in an email.

Peter Harding – Rotary International Conference 2025 – Great interest so far. To make the conference run we will need approximately 1500 volunteers. Stay tuned!

HAPPY BUCKS

Janet B was happy for a great vacation and dropping off her daughter at university!
Michelle was happy to be able to join us with Dawn.
Doug K “can’t win” because his property had a skunk then he trapped it he was told that was “inhumane”.
Wynne B prepaid a fine since there was no sheriff.
Judy C was happy for her vacation to Vancouver.
Anita C (speaker) had some “can’t win” bucks since she accidentally went over time.
Peter H was happy to be able to enjoy the new Bison exhibit at Heritage Park.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

BOB COVE.....	SEPT. 28
ASHA PAUL	OCT 3
PHIL HOCHHAUSSEN	OCT 4
SHEILA TYMINSKI.....	OCT 10
VANESSA FREEZE SUMNER	OCT 10

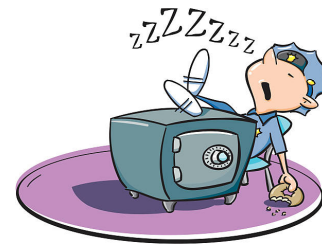
ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

DIANE KASHUBA. (1YR)	SEPT 29
LYNDA CAMPBELL.(18 YRS).....	OCT 1
TRACEY VAVREK (18YRS)	OCT 3
JANET BLAHUN (6YRS).....	OCT 1
OLA OLUTUI (6YRS).....	OCT 1

NEW MEMBER

The Board has approved the application for membership of Randall Dyck.
Classification: IT Porfessor
Barring any objections from the members he will be inducted in a couple of weeks.

SHERIFF



CLOSING REMARKS

IA sweater is like life, you get nothing out of it that you don't put into it! – Marilyn Monroe

NEXT WEEK

Sept 27 – Rob Wolfson & Manon Mitchell: RI Learning Centre

Oct 4 – District Governor Christina Hassan's Official Visit

DUTY ROSTER

SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

GREETER	DON MCARTHUR
DOOR SALES.....	LAUREN MCKAMMY
INTRODUCE & THANK.....	JUDY COCHRAN
REPORTER.....	SHEILA TYMINSKI

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