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MEETING NOTES



There was a great turn out for today's meeting to meet our new DG Manon Mitchell. Guests included Past DG Kurt Kowalchuk sporting a beautiful blue coiffure, Kate Paulson from Inclusion Alberta and Nedeem Tam. Stan led us in O'Canada and President Lynda started the meeting informing us that August 1st is Emancipation Day in Canada marking the date in 1834 when the Slavery Abolition Act came into effect as well as the Treaty of Fort Niagara, a significant agreement between the British Crown and the First Nations in 1764. This flowed in to a land acknowledgement and a lovely Rotary blessing before the charge to the buffet where Mike Mikkelsen performed the plate polishing perfectly.

PROGRAM

DG Manon presented the Rotary Action Plan expanding on the four points of Impact, Reach, Engage and Adapt. Having Impact with programs such as Alberta Inclusion, locally, and Polio Plus, Internationally. Manon encouraged everyone to become a Polio Plus Society Member and attend the Nov 1st Polio Plus fund raiser. Our own Marlene Doherty is the District Polio Plus chair. Manon spoke of increasing our membership which has been declining over the past years but recently showing a slow recovery. Our club has grown to 62 members. She stressed active recruiting because people don't come unless we ask. The District Vision is for every club to have a realistic but aggressive membership growth goal. Our club is targeting a "net" increase of 4 members this year. Retaining members is also important meaning increasing participation in club activities and building our connections with members of our club and other clubs. Manon and Kurt handed out envelopes and asked everyone to address them to ourselves. They then gave each of us a stamped envelope addressed to members of other clubs with a blank card inside suggesting we write on the card with information about ourselves and our club or just a friendly greeting to make a connection with a member of the other club. Manon also promoted her District Conference happening May 1, 2, & 3, 2026 in Red Deer, Alberta. Come for the weekend or just drive up on the Saturday May 2nd as the conference will start at 10:00 AM to accommodate those who can only get away for the day or want to stay over for one night. It will be a great day of fun and fellowship and amazing speakers of which 3 have already been booked. Manon is expecting to see 600 Rotarians attending.

DG Manon Mitchell took the opportunity to present the Dr. Monty J. Audenart Award for extraordinary service to Marlene Doherty for her work on the Polio Plus program. President Lynda managed to drop part of the trophy during the hand off but nothing broke and the presentation and pictures proceeded without further incident.

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



MINUTES

The meeting recommenced with Doug McDonald and Kate Paulson of the Rotary Employment Partnership and a story about hiring a replacement for an Inclusion Alberta client who recently retired from their position after working at a company for several years and the process involved in successfully hiring a replacement employee. They have a number of qualified people for such roles and we are all encourage to Doug or Kate know if we are aware of any business that could benefit from hiring one of these enthusiastic, dedicated and competent individuals.

President Lynda informed the club that Rob Matthews took a fall and broke his hip. His surgery was successful and he is on the mend. If you get a chance send him a note or drop by for coffee. He and especially Cheryl, would love a visit as apparently Rob doesn't take well to sitting around.

Bob Clark reminded us that there are only 42 sleeps until our special "Invite a Friend to Rotary" meeting being held in Gasoline Alley Sept 12th. Special guest speaker is to be announced shortly.

Check your contact list for anyone between the ages of 35 to 50 or recently retired.

Peter Harding auctioned off two tickets to the upcoming Rogers Charity Champions Golf Classic Tournament. It was a back and forth battle but Eve Robertson emerged the successful bidder. The tickets were from Deb Hymers of Nstep and the money Eve paid for the tickets will be donated back to the NStep program educating youth and new immigrants on nutrition and physical fitness to promote healthy and positive change in their lives.

CLOSING REMARKS

President Lynda wrap up the meeting with a quote from Native American Chief Seattle who was a famous 19th century native American after whom the city of Seattle was named for his leadership and humanitarian work.

Chief Seattle said "Take only memories, leave only footprints.

We ended with reciting the Rotary 4 Way Test.

Have a great week in Rotary

DUTY ROSTER

AUG 8, 2025

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