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MEETING NOTES



We were welcomed to the meeting by an enthusiastic greeter Wynne. Six weeks into the new Rotary year our President welcomed us and got us going right away with O Canada, a land acknowledgement and recognition of National Acadian Day, which has been celebrated since August 15, 1881.

Brad W is now at home and getting into doing some things, not much but a little. His blood pressure is still being monitored by his Dr. as he manages at home.

Rob M had his staples removed yesterday but the surgical metal will remain and, in his words, "forever bionic". He is about ½ way through the hip bone healing process, and he is taking things day by day.

After the blessing, and volunteering Jim D as the plate shiner, there was a rush to the buffet as with no guests, all tables had a fair chance at first.

PROGRAM

Ginny graciously introduced the guest speaker with a provided two-line bio indicating our speaker has been a physician in Alberta for over 50 years and is a Charter Member of our Club, Dr. Asha Paul.

Asha shared her experience as a physician along with the challenges and opportunities she encountered along the way. Upon determining at age 3 that she wanted to be a doctor, she did just that. Starting at Grant Medical College in Bombay and including her three training terms of 18 months each and being a military cadet (mandatory) as well, she graduated and started her career at a 30-bed private hospital. She stayed three months, leaving to get married and move to Canada. Once in Canada, she had to write qualifying exams to practice here, but ironically, the qualifying exams were based on US criteria and the exam was in Seattle in September, results coming out in March while residency positions were filled in December, so a bit awkward and expensive for someone just starting out in a new country. Through connections and persistence Asha found a position as a pediatric resident, which she decided after a while was not for her. She received her licence to practice and took a one-year Fellowship. Asha told us a great story of going to work one day, missing the work shuttle bus and ending up on a city bus, dressed in uniform for work. The bus driver remarked he had always wanted to see one of them new-fangled lady doctors! After her Fellowship she opened a Beddington practice with another doctor in 1992. Their second clinic opened in Shawnessy in 1992, and they closed Beddington in 1998, transferring all patients to other doctors, as the South clinic had grown to twelve doctors.

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



MINUTES

Richard kicked off the minute folks with the announcement that the Sept 12th event for membership development has been postponed to Oct with a date and details to be forthcoming. The Avenue of Service committees will be asked to update their successes and activities to be used in new member orientations.

Tracey and Vince reminded us of the Endless Summer Potluck on Aug 28th at their house. Many have signed up, room for more! Professional entertainment has also been arranged for the fellowship evening.

Marlene highlighted the vision and purpose of the Rotary Foundation and how donations come back to benefit the District and our Club. She invited Tracey and Vince back to the podium where they offered some further explanation of the Foundation and their involvement and commitments. They asked for Joe, Bob Clark, Stan and Mark to come up and be recognized with a Paul Harris award. Joe, Stan and Mark for their outstanding contribution to the RI Convention Transportation Committee under Tracey's leadership. And Bob Clark for being their officiant when Vince and Tracey renewed their vows on their 25th anniversary earlier this summer

DUTY ROSTER

AUG 22, 2025

GREETERBILL SKINNER
DOOR SALES.....ART SUMNER
INTRO & THANK.....THAMPI THOMAS
REPORTER.....ROGER SONNTAG

**If you are unable to fulfil your duties please
find your own replacement.**

PROGRAM (CONTD)

Asha was very active in the Calgary medical community serving on various committees, including the one on a feasibility study for an urgent care facility south of Anderson Road. Holding many committee positions including as chair, she was instrumental in the improvement of medical services to the Calgary community.

In 2011 Asha sold the clinic and a year later retired as medical director. She remained an active clinical lecturer at the U of C until 2024 and although she retired, is still on the clinical lecturer list until 2027.

Asha described her career with many great stories including the people she met along the way. All of this reflected the outstanding commitment and passion for her chosen profession.

We always learn something new when we hear from one of our members, and such great stories, as Ginny said her thank you to Asha.

HAPPY BUCKS

Happy Bucks boosted our coffers today as many rose to the occasion. Bob Clark as he and Tien are heading out on holidays to the UK, the Paul Harris recipients, for our guest speaker, Peter for 53rd anniversary and a golf date, Marlene for a 47th anniversary and a golf date (same day, different dates), Tracey for Vince's contribution to AGLC Board over his six year term, Janet for Bill's help with her mother's art donation to SCAS, Stan for the help in meeting setup and Richard for his surgeons, 60+ years ago.

CLOSING REMARKS

Lynda is abandoning us for three weeks to recover from her first six weeks as President (something about holidays) and our next meetings will be chaired by Peter H, Don.M and Bob Cove respectively.

We ended a bit early which makes this reporter wonder what happened to our Sherrif, they seem to be MIA.

We closed with a solid Four-Way Test.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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STEVE DUNK & CATHERINE VAN BRUN SCHOT(43YRS) AUG 28