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MEETING NOTES



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ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY HERITAGE PARK

Another great turnout despite the very chilly temperatures. Lorne Kelly greeted each of us with a warm handshake and John Radermacher and Brian Gentles echoed their hellos from the sales desk.

Lynda Campbell kicked off the meeting promptly at 7:00 and called on Stan Christmas to lead us in Oh Canada. Lynda shared a land acknowledgment moment and then welcomed our guests, Isobel Maurice and Jeff, Kim and Mia Davidson who were then invited up to the buffet for breakfast.

RAYEC

Sheila Tyminski introduced our guest speakers Mia Davidson and Isobel Maurice who attended our RAYEC (Rotary Alberta Youth Entrepreneurship Camp) at Grey Eagles Ranch this year. They created padded blankets, pillows and painted key fobs which generated a profit of \$75-\$79 and they sold out.

Mia and Isobel described their week. Arrived Sunday at 6:00 and were assigned their groups. Monday – Tuesday they worked through their booklets on managing a business. Wednesday they created their business plan, met with their banker, and shopped for materials. Thursday and Friday they assembled their products working with specific roles of merchandiser & supplier, financial manager, marketing, general manager, staffing and Saturday was sale day where they competed for customers. Throughout, they were mentored by two leaders; business leader (older with business experience) and a youth leader (previous participant of RAYEC).

Their key skills/takeaways included purchasing (what and how much to buy), leadership and creative thinking, brand and logo management, and problem solving.

They feel they learned a lot from the information in the booklets and gained valuable leadership experience and confidence – the experience really helped them come out of their shells.

Both loved the camp, it was engaging and fun and they want to come back to support the camp in the future as youth leaders.

CLASSIFICATION TALK

THAMPI THOMAS

Thampi worked in the oil sands for 27 years and retired in September 2022. During his career he specialized in static mechanic equipment.

Thampi was born in southern India in 1961. He stayed at home until grade 5 when he went to boarding school. He obtained a degree in mechanical engineering and then went on to work with manufacturing companies.

In 1989 he married Mini (an arranged marriage) and they moved to Edmonton in 1991. He obtained his Masters of Engineering from the University of Alberta. When Syncrude offered him a job, Mini was pregnant with their first child so he commuted. In December 1995 the family moved to Fort McMurray. In 2012 the family (which now included daughter Sarah and son Zach) moved to Calgary where he worked in maintenance across all operations including mining extraction and sustainment projects. His specialty has been piping and pressure vessels.

Thampi retired in 2022 and has enjoyed travelling (including back to India), walks and hikes, and biking. He and Mini live in Heritage Point with Mini's mother. Thampi joined Rotary through Asha and Raju Paul and has joined the youth service committee and is volunteering as a driver for the arts sale. Welcome Thampi.

Lynda thanked Thampi for sharing his story and reminded everyone that you don't have to be retired to join Rotary.

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



MOTIONS

Roger Sonntag on behalf of Community Service:

Motion 1 - From Indigenous Services Sub Committee, motion that RCCHP sponsor up to \$500 towards the Friendship Round Dance hosted by Miskanawah on March 8, 2025. **Seconded:** Brad Sewall. All were in favour.

Motion 2 - Move that RRCHP provide \$2,500 to Foothills Hospice to purchase furniture for their expansion project. We intend to apply for a District Grant in the amount of \$7,500. The \$2,500 is not contingent on grant approval. **Seconded:** Lynda Campbell. All were in favour.

Motion 3 - Move that RRCHP donate up to \$1,500 to purchase paint and painting supplies for renovations to 6 suites and common areas at Alcove facilities. **Seconded:** Sheila Tyminski. All were in favour.

Joanne Blahun on behalf of International Service:

Motion 1: Move that RCCHP provide \$2000.00 USD (aprox. \$2800.00 CDN) for the RACHEL project in Guatemala. We will commit to funding this project with or without Grant Funding. This project is being led by the Rotary Club of Chatham. **Seconded:** Bob Clark. All were in favour.

Motion 2: Move that RCCHP provide \$2,500.00 CND toward the 5th Water for Education Project (WAFEP 5) in Ogbagi Akoko contingent on a successful application for a District Grant of \$7,500.00 CND. **Seconded:** Eve Robertson. All were in favour.

Sheila Tyminski on behalf of Youth Service:

Motion 1: We move that RCCHP donate \$1000 to the Calgary Library Foundation to support the Readers and Leaders program (formerly known as Crime not to Read) to help them purchase books for the children involved in the program. **Seconded:** Velma Noble. All were in favour.

Motion 2: Move that RCCHP provide \$3500 to G.W. Skene School to purchase items on their wish list: science materials, iPads, robotic kits and wagons. **Seconded:** Linda Craig. All were in favour.

Lorne Kelly on behalf of Vocational Service:

Motion 1 - Move that RCCHP provide \$6000.00 to Woods Homes Youth Culinary Arts Program for the purchase of 20 Chef's Tool Kits for the graduating students. **Seconded:** John Radermacher. All were in favour.

DUTY ROSTER

FEBRUARY 14, 2025

GREETER **JOE KLASSEN**
DOOR SALES..... **DOUG MACDONALD**
INTRODUCE & THANK.....
REPORTER..... **BRAD SEWALL**

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

MINUTES

RYE: Sheila Tyminski mentioned that after discussions with the board we are moving forward with the Long Term Rotary Youth Exchange Program (RYE) for the upcoming year and will be exploring partnering with another Rotary club. If anyone interested in hosting a student for the current year for Calgary North? If so, please reach out to Sheila.

Second Chance Art Sale: Eve Robertson delivered an update. Every year attendance and profits have increased – and there's still room to grow!

Our model is to sell a high volume of pieces (1500+) pieces of art at low prices (\$10 - \$60) so we need **LOTS** of art. Bins are in 10 Co-op stores.

We need to look for inexpensive ways to get the word out for these vital donations including word of mouth, social media, email and small posters.

Right now the message is "please donate your art". When we remove the collection bins at the end of March this message and posters will change to, "come to our huge sale"

NEW MEMBER

The Board has approved the application for membership of **Jeromy Farkas**.

Classification: Non-Profit Executive

Sponsor: Bob Clark

Barring any objection from the club members, he will be inducted in a couple of weeks.

HAPPY BUCKS

There were numerous happy bucks

CONCLUION

Lynda closed the meeting and observed in these uncertain political times, what we can do is support and buy from Canadian businesses. We all can come

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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BRIAN GENTLES.....FEB 7
HARRY KIM.....FEB 15

ANNIVERSARIES

EVE & ALASTAIR ROBERTSON (46YRS).....FEB 2
JANET & DUANE BLAHUN (22YRS).....FEB 1

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

STEVE DUNK (14 YRS).....FEB 8
SHEILA TYMINSKI (14 YRS).....FEB 13
MARLENE DOHERTY (10 YRS).....FEB 13