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MEETING NOTES



Jamie Powell greeted all comers with a hearty handshake that many appreciated as it started to warm their hands up. A chilly morning commute to the club today.

Guest host Bob Cove shared that some indigenous people celebrate Valentine's Day not by asking them to "be my Valentine", but by asking them to, "be my snug." He went on to clarify that snug is a slang term for "catch" or "partner". He even provided a handout in case members wanted to order a snug mug for their partner.

Jeromy Farcas – perhaps one of his last meetings as a guest. Soon to be inducted.

Harold Aitkenhead served as plate shiner

VOCATIONAL SERVICES

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- Bob Cove – chair of Vocational, started the discussion off with a brief highlight for the Vocational Service committee. Their focus is to share their vast experience with community for recipients who are over 18 (youth handles the 18 and under). Members include Jim, Lorne, Doug M., Peter M., Ted and Lynda.
- Jim Sawers highlighted work being done with Bow Valley College:
 - Prospect – BVC has this program to help people at risk get into the workforce. There are 150 employers working with them to help make this happen. Vocational provided \$3,400 to Prospect for computers for their employment resource centre to help those looking for work.
 - Mentoring – the committee continues to support the mentoring program at BVC. 40 mentees this year. Vocational has provided a \$1,500 bursary for one of the mentees.
 - Networking is important for the mentees. The committee has arranged for a Networking practice session for the mentees on April 23. Volunteers are needed to coach networking for them.
 - 3 mentors from Calgary Connect club are also providing their expertise to develop a marketing document for BVC.
 - 1 minute videos expressing their gratitude for the mentorship program were shown from 3 mentees.
- Bob Cove described the \$3,000 bursary the club has established for a second-year, single parent SAIT student (\$1,000 club funds + \$2,000 district grant). They are working with SAIT to make more students aware of the bursary so it's awarded annually.
- Lynda Campbell shared the work being done by AVENTA, a trauma-informed live-in facility for women working through addiction recovery. Two \$1,150 bursaries are available to participants in the program.
- Bob shared some additional items that are "in the hopper"
 - Discussions with Louis Dean School for young women, who are expecting or recent parents, to continue and finish their high school.
 - Windmill Micro Lending

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



MINUTES

HAPPY BUCKS

- One of the Bobs - \$20 – Reading Week at SAIT. Fireside chat with newer members who shared they are looking for more ways to get involved – Service chairs start recruiting!!
- Deb - \$10 – for Judy and Linda's presentation
- Doug M. – untested technology resulting in delay of mentee videos
- Brad W – rubbing his trip in everyone's noses
- All members were asked to stand
 - Those who are pricing art or picking up art – could sit down
 - Those who have emailed or posted on social media about SCAS – could sit down
 - Those who have signed up to volunteer for April 11&12 – could sit down
- Doug McD - \$5 – Marlene Doherty is out of the hospital and working on recovery. Occupational and physical therapy.
- Bill Skinner - \$10 – great Guatemala trip & no one got sick!
- Judy - \$5 – Sister is coming from Belize. Grandkids are here.
- Brad W - \$10 – Off to New Zealand and Australia for 7 weeks.
- Virtual Graham - \$5 – Bill put together a great trip to Guatemala, very interesting, lots to see.
- Steve - \$20 – Antarctic was wonderful and SCAS progressed well in his absence – thanks to all!

CONCLUION

Bob wrapped up the meeting by encouraging everyone to come together and support Canada in your shopping and in sharing your pride for the country.

DUTY ROSTER

FEBRUARY 21, 2025

GREETERDON MCARTHUR
DOOR SALES.....LAUREN MCKAMMY
INTRODUCE & THANK.....MIKE MIKKELSON
REPORTER.....BOB CLARK

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

Bill Skinner shared that he received a banner from the Rotary Club of Los Altos Quetzaltenango Guatemala. This is the club that has been our partner in the work done there. While on their last trip to gautemala, the group toured the De La Gente coffee plantation. The owner, Alejandro toured the group, roasted and ground and brewed the coffee for them and gave each attendee a package of coffee. Bill sold his his bag to Steve Dunk for a \$20 donation to CRCF

SHERIFF - BAD BRAD

Steely-eyed Sherriff Sewall was on the beat today resulting in the following fines:

Use of telephones while the presentation was on: Walter, Steve, Ola, John and Sheila

Bob Cove – ignoring the male attendees in wishing a happy valentines day

Harold - ensuring Jim Sawers got his plate ahead of me when I was in line first!

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Those who were still standing had not contributed time or effort to SCAS and were fined \$2 then sentenced to community service – do their bit for one of our largest fund raisers.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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BILL SKINNER.....FEB 20
 DUANE BLAHUNFEB 16
 VALERIE WODRICK (GARRY GRAY).....FEB 18

ANNIVERSARIES..

ROGER & KAREN SONTAG (41 YRS).....FEB

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

BOB CLARK (22YRS).....FEB 21