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MEETING NOTES



THE MAGIC
OF ROTARY



ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY HERITAGE PARK

Makar (Calgarian) to Marner to McDavid began a time of celebration Thursday evening that continued into Friday morning.

President Bill Skinner called us to order and recognized Mother Language Day.

Stan conducted the choir for the singing of O' Canada in all of OUR COMMAND!.

Bill reminded us that rather than watching the game, we should have celebrated his birthday on February 20. An impromptu "Happy Birthday" followed, but alas, no cake on the morning menu.

Guest John Hickie from Millennium was introduced and welcomed.

Bill provided information regarding financial settlements following the Truth and Reconciliation Report. \$23 Billion settlement agreement reached in April 2023 to compensate First Nations children and families harmed by discriminatory underfunding and the narrow application of Jordan's Principle. This settlement aims to address past wrongs and provide comprehensive wellness support for claimants.

The blessing acknowledged we are fortunate, thankful, and dedicated.

Young Dr. Joe "Doogie" Klassen sanitized the plates.

CLASSIFICATION TALKS

Stan Christmas used a gangsta' Seussian rap/rhyme to welcome **Brenda Walton** to provide her classification presentation (Garry would be proud).

As a proud grandmother, Brenda's family is her world. Brenda is the 2nd of 4 children who grew up on a mixed farm near Elnora, Alberta.

Joining 4H (head, heart, hands, and health) and the related pledge had a pivotal impact on Branda. It provided leadership and governance, project management, and public speaking opportunities. Brenda values good communication, which flows from good preparation.

Red Deer College led her to the non-profit sector and then the Oil and Gas Industry in community relations. The merger between Nova and TransCanada was unfortunately the Care Bears meeting G.I. Joe.

Brenda started her business in 1999, focusing on stakeholder and indigenous engagement. The Transmountain project was most recently extended from 2012.

In addition, "Brenda Walton Inspires" is her other business that focuses on a worthy program.

Brenda's Rotary journey began at Grande Prairie Sunrise and continued at Grande Prairie After 5.

As Brenda moves towards eventual retirement, she follows a personal best course and recommends The Success Principles by Jack Canfield.

Introduced next was Blast From the Past **Bob "Caveman" Cove**.

Bob has 4 children, and with twins on the way, will have 8 grandchildren.

Bob shared the secrets of his success in sales. He trained at the legendary Columbia School of Broadcasting where he learned broadcasting arts: enunciate, avoid lazy mouth, and focus on pacing and editing.

Similar to Venus Flytrap, Bob began his radio career in the early morning hours, at Lloydminster. CTV arrived and Bob became a minor sensation in Norway due to tv frequency skip. Back in the day of manual commercial switching, bloopers achieved their zenith of creativity.

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



MOTIONS

International Service \$700.00 to Butterfly Sanctuary seconded by Bob Clark. Mark Rowe advised that this is intended to provide a safe habitat for butterflies to reproduce and an educational opportunity for students.

Carried.

Community Service Deb Duncanson \$5,000.00 to Ruth's House Emergency Shelter towards a garden of hope. Seconded by Sheila. Helping families of African descent.

Carried.

Deb also asked about member availability for painting at Alcove on March 1. Stay tuned for a potential date change.

Brian Gentles with help from run(a)way models of some description, showcased Rotary gear. As ambassadors of Rotary, we should look marvelous.

CLASSIFICATION (CONTD)

Predating the Covid online look of suit jacket above with jeans below, Bob knew to avoid blue on camera or risk disappearing into the blue screen. (Fortunately a green screen was later invented, heralding a golden age of film including: Star Wars and The Matrix.)

As predecessor to Les Nessman, Bob delivered the news, weather, and sports to a fanatical fanbase. Unfortunately, the Buckeye Newshawk and Silver Sow Awards were not given back in Bob's day.

Future coffee mugs read Vancouver and Abbotsford. Bob's career dates back in time to the death of Elvis.

Bob lugged out his archive boom box complete with then state-of-the-art cassette deck as he took us back to a simpler time when polite children would make the long uphill walk (both ways) home from school, barefoot, wearing only their father's pajamas; and snap, crackle, and pop were the sounds from analog records rather than your morning cereal.

DUTY ROSTER

FEBRUARY 28, 2025

GREETERANUBIS McLAUGHLAN
DOOR SALES.....JIM SAWER
INTRODUCE & THANK.....JOHN RADERMACHER
REPORTER.....STEVE DUNK

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

MINUTES

John Hickie from Millennium announced a play with only 7 seats left written by Alan LeBoeuf. A double dose of murder at the Pumphouse Theatre on March 7. Fellowship between 6 and 7:30 pm. \$60 per person includes snacks. There will be a cash bar. Alan's first book is Deadly Illusions.

RCCHP Club Anniversary impromptu pub night at Marda Loop Brewery on February 24 from 6:00 pm till 9:30

HAPPY BUCKS

Walter for his grandson scoring 5 goals in two games a win a coveted bell.

Deb \$5 for the bingo event at Victory Outreach.

Peter Harding \$5 for the classification talks and his reciprocal visit to Millennium.

Sheila \$1.

Peter Leigh \$5

Bill Skinner \$4.

Peter McLaughlin \$1

Bob Clark \$4 all for the hockey result. MC DAVID!!

CONCLUION

Closing thought: "It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt." Mark Twain

The meeting closed with the Rotary 4-Way Test.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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JOHN RADERMACHER.....FEB 24

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

BILL HOPE(26YRS).....FEB 23
ASHA PAUL(26YRS).....FEB 23
DIN PEERANI(26YRS).....FEB 23
JOHN RADERMACHER(26YRS).....FEB 23
DEB DUNCANSON(2YRS).....FEB 26
ROB MATTHEWS(19YRS).....FEB 28