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MEETING NOTES

Bill Hope's warm greeting matched the spring like weather as the Barn filled up with Rotarians and guests. Host, President Bill Skinner, noted that today was International Rare Disease Day(!) invited everyone to sit, then invited our frequent conductor, Stan Christmas to lead us in our National Anthem. The anthem was sung with enthusiasm and melody.

Bill then introduced the guests, Kate, Ryan, Jordan and Katie. He then shared the Truth and Reconciliation statement from the City of Calgary website.

Guests: Katie Hope and Jordan Ganchev, guests of Bill Hope, Ryan Phelan, guest of Bob Clarke and Kate Paulson from Inclusion Alberta, guest of Doug McDonald

Bill called us to breakfast and Plate Shiner Ted Wood showed off the plate shining skills he learned many years ago at the Rimrock Inn.

PROGRAM

President Bill Skinner and Bruce Byford presented on the Club's recent trip to Guatemala in January/February of this year. The main project that was funded by our Club was the Water Distribution Rebuild in Quiaciquix. The project was identified as a need by the community and the Rotary Club of Los Altos. It was funded by RCCHP and was operated by Engineers Without Borders Guatemala. The project built a distribution system to provide water for 324 families. A well and tank had been built 15 years prior, but there were insufficient funds to build a distribution system. The RCCHP/EWB project installed a pump and diesel genset and built a distribution system complete with a pressure step down. The distribution system pipe was laid in hand dug 3 – 4 km of trenches that were built by the local community. Water meters were paid for by the local houses and installed by EWB. WASH (Water and sanitation) training was provided by government staff and EWB. Bruce described the project as "collaboration and pride".

Bill and Bruce also spoke about a previous project installing concrete floors in local homes, also funded by RCCHP and operated by EWB. RCCHP leveraged a \$2500 donation and a \$7500 grant to build and install 9 floors. Bruce described the project as "simplicity and impact". Mark Rowe pointed out studies that have shown that homes that have cement floors have shown improvement in health, better attendance in schools and has a big impact on the home owners.

Bill and Bruce finished their presentation with a slide of the Antigua Guatemala school that we have supported in the past and the Interact club members with "shirts nicer than ours" in Bill's words.

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



MINUTES

Sheila noted that the volunteer list would be live after the meeting for the Second Chance Art Sale April 11 and 12 and that there are 100 available shifts for those 2 days, please sign up and please asks friends and family to sign up.

Katie Paulson from Inclusion Alberta and Doug McDonald spoke about the Rotary Employment Partnership that our club participates in. Katie pointed out that many aduklts with developmental disabilities and their families have smallnetworks. Rotarians tend to have large networks and we are encouraged to use them to identify potential employers. Katie identified a physically active candidate with 15 years of warehouse experience who would like an opportunity in shipping and receiving. A sports enthusiast, he would love an opportunity to work with sports equipment

Bill noted that our \$2500 that we had earmarked for a Club Grant will not be used as the Grant was not successful, so the funds will be used for an International project.

Bill also noted with appreciation the donation made by Jaimie to the Second Chance Art Sale. The sale is wanting to expand the reach to other quadrants of the city and requires more signs that were in the original budget. Bill noted that his realtor will be donating and encouraged members to solicit donations through their networks.

HAPPY BUCK

Stan was happy about the attendance at Pub night and the presence of guests Katie and Jordan who are considering membership. Rob Matthews was grateful for where we are fortunate to live and thankful that we make a difference in Guatemala. Tracy was grateful for Stan who helped them with a flooded garage. She was also grateful for their trip to Australia. Peter Harding was grateful that there are 15,000 paid convention delegates with another 16,000 who have expressed interest and are waiting on visas, etc.

Bill Hope, Jordan, Bob Clark Doug M, and Bill were also happy – mostly about the guests

SHERIFF VELMA

Sherriff Velma took a different approach. Anyone who spoke with a family member or friend about mental health this week got a \$2 rebate on the fine. She then noted that tariffs, exports etc. are a current concern for all and then put it in context by presenting a quiz on exports, largest employer, imports, foreign investment etc. Every wrong answer required a \$2 donation.

CONCLUION

Conservative: A statesman enamoured with existing evils as opposed to a Liberal, who wants to replace them with new ones – Ambrose Pierce

DUTY ROSTER

MARCH 7, 2025

GREETERVELMA NOBLE
DOOR SALES.....OLA OLUTUI
INTRODUCE & THANK.....JAMIE POWELL
REPORTER.....PETER LEIGH

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

TED WOOD.....MAR 6
TONY CAMPBELL.....MAR 5

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

EVE ROBERTSON (13YRS).....MAR 2

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