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MEETING NOTES



THE MAGIC
OF ROTARY



ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY HERITAGE PARK

There was a great energy in the barn this morning. It was so lovely to see Graham Drake as he greeted each of us with a great smile and handshake. There was a surprisingly good turnout in that attending the awesome festivities last evening could have tempted people to sleep in this morning.

The meeting was kicked off promptly at 7:00 by Lynda Campbell who then shared a land acknowledgement moment with us and then called on Stan Christmas to lead us in singing Oh Canada.

Breakfast was delicious and we were even treated to a couple of new dishes.

Lynda took back the mic and thanked all those involved in organizing the lunar new year celebration. A fantastic time was had by all.

CLASSIFICATION TALKS

Judy Cochran was born and raised in Calgary, one of five children. Judy married at a young age and had two boys, Richard and Gordon, both born in Smith Falls Ontario. When Judy's marriage wound up, she returned to Calgary to be closer to family. She landed her first job with Amoco Canada however she found it challenging So, in 1980 she became a full-time student with the support of Amoco and student loans (most of which were later forgiven). She graduated from U of C with a Bachelor of Commerce with an accounting major and simultaneously studied for and obtained her CGA designation. She landed her dream job working for Ranger Oil as Supervisor, Joint Venture Accounting. Ranger was taken over by CNRL and Judy retired in 2007 and divorced her second husband shortly thereafter.

Retirement has treated Judy very well. She has travelled extensively. She loves to cook, has taken a variety of cooking classes, and reads cookbooks like novels. Judy has volunteered at the Eau Claire YMCA day care and the Children's Cottage as she loves kids. Her other hobbies include hiking, snow shoeing, colouring and spending time with her granddaughters Breanna and Jocelynn, now 16 and 14, who live in Edmonton.

Judy comes to us from the Calgary West Rotary club where she had been a member since 2015.

Judy has been an avid supporter of RYLA having attended every camp since 2015, has hosted exchange candidates from Germany and Brazil and was honored to receive the Dr. Monty J. Audenaut Service award this past May at the District Conference.

Dr. Randall as his students call him, spent the first twenty years of his career as a computer consultant and the last twenty as a professor. He has written five books that have sold around the world and posted education guidelines on LinkedIn for current and future teachers.

Randall was born in southern Manitoba in a small town where his father owned a Ford dealership and his uncles farmed. He spent weekends and harvest time on the farms playing with huge pieces of farm equipment. He attended university and in his first year was picked to go to China for 2 months, visit universities, schools, factories and hospitals and was then asked by the Canadian government to write a report on China's education systems and his suggestions for improving ours. When he graduated Randall joined a computer consulting company and then travelled throughout Canada and USA for work and other countries for vacations.

Randall obtained his MBA. His university contacts convinced him to teach computers after his MBA thus launching his academic career. He then did his PhD and taught computer and business subjects for twenty years and was a top teacher at University and SAIT when he retired.

Dr. Randall decided to spend his retirement years helping charities with his computer skills which he soon realized needed upgrading beyond databases and programming. So he spent the next two years as Bow Valley College's oldest student learning about cybersecurity, clouds, virtual systems, Cisco networks and Windows admin.

Dr. Randall has technical, education mentoring, and skills to contribute immediately.

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



MOTIONS

International Services presented by Janet Blahun:

Motion 1: International Services moves that RCCHP allocate \$2,000.00 CDN to Homes of Hope in Mexico, for furnishings for 3 families. **Seconded** by Bob Clark Passed

Motion 2: International Services moves that RCCHP provide 3000.00 CDN to the Volcanos Kids Education Fund specifically for the teacher's salaries sent directly to Volcanos. Garry will facilitate getting the funds in their hands after the cheque is issued. **Seconded** by Bob Clark. Passed

Motion 3: International Services moves that RCCHP provide 2,500.00 CDN to Los Altos Quetzaltenango for Habitat for Humanity to provide concrete floors in homes. The funds are to be provided whether or not the District Grant funding is successful. **Seconded** by Eve Robertson. Passed

Motion 4: International Services moves that RCCHP provide \$2,800 CDN for the Rachel Project, creating digital Wi-Fi libraries in Guatemala. **Seconded** by Sheila Tyminski. Passed

Youth Services presented by Sheila Tyminski:

Motion 1 - The Youth Services Committee moves that \$1,100 be donated as prize money for the winners of the **4 Way Speech Competition**. Students from the Interact Club of St. Francis will be invited to participate in the competition by submitting a speech. The finalists will deliver their speeches at the March 21, 2025 RCCHP meeting. Prize money is awarded as follows: First Place: \$500, Second Place: \$300, Third Place: \$200, Runners Up: \$50 each. **Seconded** by Bob Clark Passed.

Motion 2 - The Youth Services Committee moves that RCCHP provide \$1500 to sponsor one student from the Jack James School to participate in **the Seeds Connection Program** for the January 2025 semester. **Seconded** by Linda Craig. Passed

Motion 3 - The Youth Services Committee moves that RCCHP donates \$1000 to support the **Concerto Competition** with the donation going towards providing prizes for the 4 runners up who then perform prior to the main concert at the June event. **Seconded** by Graham Drake. Passed

Motion 4 - Move that RCCHP provide \$1600 CDN to the Rotaract Club of University of Calgary (attention Charvi Shah), to pay for registration of 5 Rotacters from District 5360 to attend and volunteer

MINUTES

Ginny Murphy (missing her blood buddy Max Patel) asked us to consider donating blood. RCCHP is a member of the Partners for Life program. Right now, we have 19 members registered and are at 4 units against our 2025 commitment of 50 units. We just need more people to donate. If you haven't donated in a year, you'll need to re-register. Please go to: <https://www.blood.ca/en/ways-donate/donate-partner/becoming-partner/team-member-registration> to register for Partners for Life. If you are registered, please book an appointment and donate soon. Encourage your kids, spouses, friends, neighbors, colleagues and family to register and donate. Your donation can save lives.

Linda Craig, co-chair of the Second Chance Art Sale confirmed the date for the sale is April 11th and 12th this year. She let us know that the bins are now in place in Co-op locations and gave thanks to all of those involved in getting them set up and to those who will soon be picking up art from the bins. An email will be coming out shortly that will help you to spread the word. Our first messaging is focused on attracting art donations.

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

Graham, Lynda, Bill S and Joe described their appreciation for the two speakers' and the Lunar new year celebration last evening, and Bill Skinner for taking a group of people to Guatemala (leaving next day).

Linda is happy for the superwoman T-shirt she won last evening. Joe observed it's never the wrong decision to invest in yourself. Bill looks forward to Guatemala.

DUTY ROSTER

FEBRUARY 7, 2025

GREETER **LORNE KELLY**
DOOR SALES..... **BRIAN GENTLES**
INTRODUCE & THANK..... **SHEILA TYMINSKI**
REPORTER..... **DEB DUNCANSON**

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

CONCLUION

Linda closed out the meeting by reminding everyone to come to the Jamesons Irish Pub (3790 Brentwood Rd NW). No registration required, just show up.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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BOB CLARK..... **JAN 28**
CHRISTINE AITKENHEAD..... **JAN 31**