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MEETING NOTES



The barn was abuzz on this sunny Friday morning. We were greeted by Jamie Powell and Doug McDonald. Warm welcoming also came from our door sales duo, Don McArthur and **Stan**. After ringing the bell at 7 am sharp, President Lynda Campbell offered a land acknowledgement. July 18th is Nelson Mandela International Day, to celebrate Mandela's birthday, and commemorate the fight against racism and apartheid. It is also National Parks Day for Canada. What a day! Lynda welcomed our visitor, Laura Kim, wife of Harry Kim and gave thanks for the food and fellowship. Then it was off to the buffet! Except – oops – Lynda had forgotten Oh Canada. Stan stepped forward and led us in a rousing rendition. Then it was really off to the buffet!

PROGRAM

Lauren McKamey introduced our 2 speakers today – new members Katie Hope and Jordan Ganchev.

Katie:

Experienced her first Rotary moment at 17 when their family hosted a Rotary Long Term Youth Exchange student. This broadened her view of the world giving her a more global perspective, and the travel bug. She began her globetrotting at the age of 19, when she travelled through Europe. It had an enormous influence on her and inspired her to travel more! After returning to Calgary to work and earn some money, she travelled to SE Asia, a trip that extended to 2 years (teaching English in Beijing for part of the time), where she learned that people have more in common than that which divides us. And gave her a focus for her career: humanity. Graduate Diploma in International and Security Studies (York U). She held positions as a Communications Delegate for Emergency Operations with the Red Cross, that has taken her to many disaster sites around the world; Manager for Government and Community Relations at SAIT; Communication and Advocacy Advisor for Action Group Against Abuse in Swaziland (now Manzini); Senior Advisor, Communications and Community Liaison for one municipal ward in Calgary; and Deputy Campaign Manager for the same ward candidate. She is currently Director of Government Relations at Canadian Red Cross. She is the daughter of Bill and Susan Hope. She met her husband Jordan during Covid, married in 2023 and are expecting their first child this August.

Jordan:

Born and raised in Calgary, he earned a Bachelor of Music (U of C) and became an educator at the National Music Centre. Then moved into the hospitality sector, and from there to his current profession – as a Realtor (specializing in condominiums and commercial real estate). Spoke about events in his formative years that shaped him, including as a member of the Calgary Roundup Band (playing the euphonium and trombone) where the band was in an elite class of marching bands internationally; and as an instructor in marching bands for 10 years. He is inquisitive and creative and loves anything mechanical, and his hobbies include skiing (downhill and XCo), golf, cycling, running and boxing, working towards his pilot licence, and training for a full marathon (he has completed 4 half marathons). He is deeply committed to community, something that Rotary embraces. As opposed to real estate where relationships are transactional, he sees how relationships in Rotary are much deeper. He has great respect for his father-in-law Bill.

Lauren thanked Jordan and Katie for their inspirational talks.

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



HAPPY BUCKS

Lynda for great classification talks and for Laura and Harry's contribution to the Jasen Kim Memorial (CRCF). Jamie for his youngest child graduating from high school, for Laura and Harry's contribution, for John Radermacher and his mug, and for the 2 classification talks.

Phil for Rotary's focus on youth (his reason for joining Rotary) and for their upcoming trip to Croatia to attend a past exchange student's wedding.

Tracy for all the great work in Rotary that she witnessed while travelling in central Okanagan. She noted she and Vince were very involved in youth while in Grande Prairie (one of their former exchange students will be visiting from Germany)

Bob Cole for our club's support for the Ability Sailing Association and a forewarning that their financial situation is critical (an upcoming casino is vital to their future)

Lynda noted that the club's signs were not out today, Stan clarified that John was sick. All wishing his quick recovery.

Peter Harding for our speakers today, Laura and Harry, and for Lynda doing such a great job on the mic.

Stan for his football (soccer) team in EPL – Chelsea – winning the cup.

CONCLUSION

To conclude, Lynda pointed out that it is easy to offer kind words to strangers, and it might be the only kindness they experience that day.

DUTY ROSTER

JULY 25, 2025

GREETERPETER McLAUGHLIN

DOOR SALES.....MIKE MIKKELSON

INTRO & THANK.....GINNY MURPHY

REPORTER.....EVE ROBERTSON

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

MINUTES

Following an especially delicious breakfast, Jamie, as our club's representative and proud supporter of the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation, spoke about the Jasen Kim Legacy Endowment at CRCF. This endowment will live on as a tribute to Jasen's life, values, and spirit—supporting future Rotary projects that reflect the same compassion and commitment to community that he embodied. CRCF was established to create meaningful impact through Rotary giving. Today Laura and Harry contributed an additional generous gift to the endowment. Proceeds from the endowment will be used to enrich lives of children to participate in sports and education and for single parent scholarships at a post-secondary school. Jamie, on behalf of the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation and our entire Rotary family, expressed to Laura and Harry our deepest gratitude for this generous and heartfelt contribution, a gift that will help build a better future, and Jasen Kim's name will be forever linked to the good that Rotary does in the world.

Asha Paul provided a follow-up appeal to members, to sign up for Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. While 26 members have signed up so far, Asha is hoping for 50. You only need to sign up for one or two dinners depending on your schedule. It's a wonderful way to get to know others in the club. Please let Asha know ASAP if you plan to sign up.

Peter Harding had a minute to let us know that Calgary Community Kitchens is hosting a BBQ on August 22nd to thank its many volunteers. Please let Peter know if you wish to attend.

Lynda gave a shout out to Rotary Challenger Park and reminded us that, as contributors to the park fund, we can use their facilities (such as hosting meetings) for free.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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CAROLE STEEVES(JOE KLASSEN).....JULY 26

KAREN SONNTAG.....JULY 27

MINI THOMAS.....JULY 28

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

MARK ROWE (17YRS).....JULY 30