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## MEETING NOTES

Katie hope greeted us warmly at the door. Despite the cooler weather outside, it was warm inside and made even warmer by the small but enthusiastic crowd.

Roger Sonntag was on form, once again, ringing the bell at 7:01am and welcoming us to the friday 13th meeting. Not missing a beat, he took the opportunity to educateus fully on *paraskevidekatriaphobia*, a real phobia - the fear of Friday the 13th and its origins.

O Canada was led by Peter Harding.

Guests: Zenon Bereznicki, Kurt Wytrykush, Sam Wong, Lorianna Marconi and Chef Soham.

Brian Gentles stepped up to the plate(s) and did an admirable job of plate shining.

## PROGRAM

Roger changed hats and moved seamlessly from Meeting Chair to Chair of Community Services. He introduced his committee: Steve Dunk, Peter Harding, Doug Kinley, Brian gentles, John Raddermacher, Brad Wellicome, Deb Duncanson and Sheila Tyminski.

Roger talked briefly about our connection to the Rotary Helps YYC program, a collaborative initiative of several Rotary Clubs.

He went on to highlight the numerous groups that have received our support this year either financially or through sweat equity. These organizations include: Ujamma Grammas, Community Kitchen, L'Arche, Victory Outreach, Foothills Hospice Radiothon, Alcove Addiction Recovery for Women, Ronald McDonald House, Poppy Fund, Green Calgary, Ruth's House, Highbanks Society, Abled Sailing Association, Peace by Piece Quilters as well as Indegenous Services.

OK Brad Sewall AKA Sheila Tyminski, provided more information about Indegenous Services, noting the well-attended Tsuut'ina pow wow last July and James' story, a virtual reality escape room created by USAY that aims to build understanding about Residential Schools. The blanket exercise scheduled for May was rescheduled to another date yet to be determined.

John Raddermacher introduced our guest speakers from Ronald McDonald House - Lorianna Marconi, Senior Development Officer, and Soham, In-House Chef. They explained the changes in the Home for Dinner Program.

## MOTION

On behalf of Youth Services, Roger Sonntag acting for Sheila Tyminski, moved that RCCHP provide \$1100.00 to Calgary Youth Singers/ STARS program for the purchase and printing of of 52 T-Shirts for the singers.

Seconded by Brian Gentles.

Carried.

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

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## NEW MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

The Executive has approved the membership application of Zenon Bereznicki.

Sponsored by: Brian Gentles.

Classification: Investment Counsellor

Barring any objections from the club members, he will be inducted shortly

## MINUTES

Phil Hochhausen is still looking for volunteers to assist with the Volcanes Kids Education Program booth in the House of Friendship. He reminded us that you don't have to register for the convention to volunteer.

Roger Sonntag, on behalf of Sheila, mentioned that there is free access for Heritage Park Rotarians on June 21, National Indigenous Peoples day, to view the shelters we helped support. If interested, email [jheaton@heritagepark.ca](mailto:jheaton@heritagepark.ca)

Tracey Vavrek reminded everyone who is attending the RI Convention to check the recent Convention news "Know Before You Go" email (June 10) Download the app; make sure you get your badge; don't bring vehicles downtown.

Message from Mary Turner that you don't have to be registered for the convention to participate in New Blood with the Calgary Civic Symphony; Rockin' the Big Four Roadhouse; Western Ranch Showcase.

## DUTY ROSTER

JUNE 20, 2025

**GREETER** ..... **DIANE KASHUBA**  
**DOOR SALES**..... **LORNE KELLY**  
**INTRODUCE & THANK**..... **HARRY KIM**  
**REPORTER**..... **JIM DAVIS**

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

## HAPPY BUCKS

Brian Gentles was pleased to introduce Sam Wong from Elite. Sam was instrumental in expediting our Rotary Gear order.

Vince Vavrek stood proudly in his Oilers jersey to celebrate the Oilers fifth game.

## SHERIFF -ASHA PAUL

sporting her white cowboy hat was merciless. Many had to pay a fine if they weren't attending or volunteering at the Convention.

Jamie was fined for looking dapper (as always); Vince for being loud about his support for the Oilers; Don for suggesting we pay our dues before the end of the month; Bill S. in absentia for seeming to have something against engineers and Roger for not doing his homework

## CLOSING

Roger Sonntag encouraged everyone to attend next week's meeting which will be well attended by members, visiting Rotarians and potential Rotarians. Invite Guests.

*There are a lot of good people in this world. If you can't find one be one*

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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DOUG KINLEY.....JUNE 30  
GRAHAM DRAKE.....JUNE 30

### ANNIVERSARIES

WALTER & JESSIE ZUK(? 25 YRS).....JUNE 21  
BILL & BARBARA SKINNER (51 YRS).....JUNE 29

### ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

BRIAN GENTLES (18 YRS).....JUNE 19  
ROGER SONNTAG (9 YRS).....JUNE 17