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MEETING NOTES

On World Consumer Rights day, the room was abuzz as President Bill rang the bell at 7:01 and called the meeting to order. The room was still abuzz at 7:02 when the bell was rung again. The room was still abuzz when it rang again at 7:03.

With tinnitus still ringing in our ears Stan Christmas led us in Oh Canada. Turns out, Greg Wagland, one of our guest speakers is an accomplished opera singer. If only we knew that before we sang Oh Canada...opportunity lost.

Visitors: **Karen Ramchuck** – Women In Need Society (WINS) guest speaker; **Greg Wagland** – Women In Need Society (WINS) guest speaker; **Jordan Ganchev** – Prospective Member; **Katie Hope** – Prospective Member
President Bill provided a truth and reconciliation moment where he touched upon the Otipemisiwak Metis self government agreement signed in 2023. This agreement has charted a path forward to putting into place an enduring, nation to nation, government to government relationship with Canada.

In the spirit of St Patricks day, Harold Aitkinhead gave us traditional Irish grace:

May you live as long as you want, and never want as long as you live

May the Lord keep you in his hand and never close his fist too tight

May the raindrops fall lightly on your brow, may the soft winds freshen your spirit

And may the good Lord take a liking to you, but not too soon!

PROGRAM

Sheila Tyminski Introduced our guest speakers.

Karen Ramchuk and Greg Wagland provided an interesting and informative presentation of the Women In Needs Society (WINS). Karen joined WINS and found their values directly aligned with hers in stark contrast to a profit motivated business. Following are a few key highlights of the presentation:

More than 4 in 10 women have experienced some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetimes

The group with the highest poverty rate in Canada are single mothers.

WINS is a charitable dedicated to supporting women and families in need by providing access to essential resources, services, and community support. Their goal is to break the cycle of poverty for women by offering a range of programs that focus on financial stability, employment readiness, and social services.

In 2024 they gave away over a million dollars worth of items through their house to home program which included free clothing, household items, food, and hygiene items.

Through their environmental stewardship programs they have helped to decrease Calgary's collective environmental footprint.

75% of their funding comes from their social enterprise initiatives with the remainder through various donations.

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



MINUTES

1. Sheila Tyminski – **Youth Services** is sponsoring a 4 way test competition for students. Students will speak next week
2. Bill Skinner – **SCAS** will be receiving art donations from 3 homebuilders. Trico Homes, Morrisson Homes, and Homes by Avi
3. Jim Sawers – **Vocational Services** is holding a networking training session for students on April 23rd from 5:00 to 6:00. Currently they have 39 students and 15 mentors. Ideally they would like to have a 1 to 1 ratio, so there is opportunity for Rotarians to become mentors.
4. Eve Robertson – **Second Chance Art Sale** is 4 weeks away. She asked all club members to do whatever they can to get the word out on the date and time of the sale.

CONCLUSION

Meeting was closed with everyone citing the 4 way test and president Bill's closing remarks. "Canada will be a strong country when Canadians of all provinces feel at home in all parts of the country, and when they feel that all Canada belongs to them."



MOTIONS

Roger Sontag moved that RCCHP contribute \$1500 to the New Blood Show, to support student travel expenses to Ottawa in May 2025.

Seconded by Brad Sewall - Carried.

HAPPY BUCKS

With limited time President Bill opened the floor to a few happy bucks. Ricard was happy to see 2 new Rotarians joining shortly, Steve was extremely happy citing the WINS presentation, recognition of Pi (3.14) day, a new grandson, and getting tickets to an awesome concert. Bob Cove had a baseball themed gender reveal for his daughter who has twin boys on the way. Sheila Tyminski was happy with the WINS presentation, the Maskanawah event, and...of course 'GO FLAMES'.



DUTY ROSTER

MARCH 21, 2025

GREETERART SUMNER
DOOR SALES.....THAMPI THOMAS
INTRODUCE & THANK.....
REPORTER.....PETER HARDING

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

RAJU PAUL.....MAR 24
PETER LEIGH.....MAR 25
DIN PEERANI.....MAR 27
OLA OLUTUYI.....MAR 27

ANNIVERSARIES

JOE KLASSEN & KAREN STEEVES (21YRS).....MAR 25