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MEETING NOTES

It's the first meeting of spring and the barn is full of excitement because today we were having the first 4 Way Test speech contest in ages. It was great to see Art Sumner's smiling face as our greeter. A hearty welcome and handshake from Art is always a great way to start the day.

President Bill had to hammer the bell a couple of times to calm the exuberant crowd so he could welcome everyone and introduce our guests which included Owen Wright plus our 4 Way Test speech contestants and parents Clara Aquib, Ragaie Aquib, Simi Akin-Akinola, Stella Akinola, Blake Woodridge, Stephanie Woodridge, Jason Adigio, Austin Adigio.

President Bill let us know March 21st is International Day for the elimination of Racial Discrimination and tomorrow is World Water Day.

Peter Harding led a rousing O'Canada and for his efforts Peter was awarded the distinction of Plate Polisher de jour.

Truth and Reconciliation minute - President Bill reminded us that our club contributed \$50,000 towards the construction of Presentation Shelters in the Indigenous Encampment of Heritage Park. These are expected to be complete by mid-May and club members will be invited to the opening ceremony. Keep an eye out for the date announcement.

4 WAY SPEECH CONTEST

Judy Cochran explained the contest and introduced the 4 contestants and our 5 judges, Deb Duncanson, Steve Dunk, Linda Craig, Jamie Powell and Bob Clark.

The contestants will be vying for cash prizes of 1st \$500, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200 and runner up \$50

All the contestants were from St Francis High School where we have established our Rotary Interact Club. She noted the work that Deb Duncanson put in helping the students prepare for the contest.

All four speeches were well researched, written and dynamically presented. A tough decision on the part of the judges but the awards in order were:

1st Place - Blake Woodridge

2nd Place – Clara Aquib

3rd Place – Jason Adigio

4th Place – Simi Akin-Akinola

It was a great contest and wonderful way to meet the 4 students and their parents.

A big **“Thank You!”** to Judy Cochran and the judges for all their work, looking forward to next year's competition

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



MINUTES

Trip to Puerto Vallarta – Mark Rowe

Mark advised he was organizing this trip for some time in late October or early November. If you are interested in going please contact Mark.

Membership

President Bill spoke about how well we are doing with our membership growth. We have 10 new members so far this year bringing us to 61 members and we are now the 8th largest of 44 clubs in District 5360.

He thanked the members of the Membership Development committee: Richard Broadwith, Bob Cove and Bob Clark. Why not bring a friend or acquaintance to a meeting so they can see all the fun we have.

2025 Calgary R.I. Convention

Tracey Vavrek reminded everyone hasn't signed up for the 2025 RI Convention to register before the cost jumps up March 31st. The convention is only 3 months away and is going to be an amazing event.

HAPPY BUCKS

Bill figured everyone was happy about our 4 Way Test speech contest and he encourage all of us to contribute \$5 via E-transfer to show our appreciation to the student participants, Judy Cochran and all of the judges for a great event.

MOTIONS

Community Services Roger Sonntag moved and John Radermacher seconded

On behalf of Community Services I move that we increase our previous approved \$2,500 donation to Foothills Hospice by an additional \$1,600 to \$4,100 to allow RCCHP to fully fund the purchase of one hide-a-bed (8 required in total).

Motion was passed

Youth Services Sheila Tyminski moved and Brian Gentles seconded

That RCCHP provide \$1000.00 to the Rotaract Club of University of Calgary to help offset costs a social/networking event they are planning for the approximately 500 Rotaractor visitors who are attending the Rotary International Convention in June 2025. (Contingent on approval from Rotary International that the Rotaract Club has been granted permission to host an off-site event- **Note: RI approval has been granted**)

Motion was passed

Vocational Services Bob Cove moved and Judy Cochran seconded

RCCHP to provide \$3000 to Windmill Microlending to support 3 Immigrant Clients with wrap around services including coaching, loan management, career resources, and mentorship in order to help them understand career options before taking out a

DUTY ROSTER

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GREETER TRACEY VAVREK
DOOR SALES..... VINCE VAVREK
INTRODUCE & THANK..... VELMA NOBLE
REPORTER..... JIM DAVIS

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

DIANE KASHUBA..... APR 4

ANNIVERSARY

DOUG MACDONALD & IVY KRAUSE (34YRS)..... MAR 30

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

BILL SKINNER (14YRS)..... APR 1