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MEETING NOTES

The cool weather did not put a damper on the warm conversation as Rotarians gathered at Gunns Dairy Barn for our weekly gathering. At precisely 7:00 Brad Sewall, our guest host rang the bell and the formal part of the meeting began.

Stan Christmas led the group in a resounding rendition of O Canada

Brad provided an indigenous learning moment identifying some of the sacred sites around Alberta including Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump and Writing on Stone Parks. Another site is the Majorville Medicine Wheel often referred to as Canada's Stonehenge. Dated around 5,000 years ago it is actually older than Stonehenge and predicted the spring and fall equinoxes, as well as the summer and winter solstice and lunar cycles

Guests: Kate Paulsen, Scott Murphy, guest of Ginny, Jordan Seminiuk - guest of Bob Clark, Jim Sawatsky - Rotary Challenger Park

To ensure Bill doesn't get complacent in his last couple of months of his presidency, Brad had Bill Skinner do the plate shining.

CLASSIFICATION TALKS

Judy Cochrane introduced our guest speakers **Peter McLauchlin** and **Lauren McKamey** for their classification talks.

Peter indicated he joined Rotary to help others as well as to keep some stability in his life. He discussed his career in security as well as many of his challenges and struggles throughout his life. He had all of the membership in attendance listening and hanging off of his every word. The result – a success story like no other and he received a standing ovation for his efforts and tenacity.

Lauren spoke about her career with Pure Life Carbon. Beginning with sustainably managed bamboo forestry, they create a substrate through their proprietary process called Charged Carbon, the worlds first reusable substrate. This technology improves global food security. We can grow more with less water...a mission that is very important to Lauren.

HAPPY BUCKS

Deb Duncanson – happy that we had 22 volunteers for the Alcove painting project

Roger Sonntag – Happy that Deb was the lead person in the Alcove project. She did an outstanding job

Phil Hochhausen – sad that the Alcove project completed ahead of schedule as he was slated to assist and was notified he wouldn't be needed. Don't worry Phil, there will be lots of other opportunities.

Jordan Semeniuk – Impressed at RCCHP being such a welcoming club

Doug Kinley, Peter Harding, Bill Skinner – classification talks

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MINUTES

John Radermacher – Ronald McDonald Open House to happen on Thursday May 22. All are welcome. Also he indicated that Heritage Park will now be open to the public at 8:30 for the summer hours so we must evacuate the premises before that time

Kate Paulsen – updated Rotary on Inclusion Alberta initiatives and Rotary impact

CLOSING REMARKS

Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That is why it's called the present, (Eleanor Roosevelt).

MOTIONS

International Services

Motion - move that RCCHP contribute \$1000 to buy Spanish language reading material, books and magazines) for the Volcanes Kids Education Program

Seconded – Bill Skinner, carried

Motion – move that RCCHP provide funding of \$2,500 for the RI Volcanes Booth at the RI convention.

Seconded Bill Hope, carried.

Community Services

Motion On behalf of Community Services I move that RCCHP donate \$3,000 to Highbanks Independent Living For Parenting Youth Society.

Seconded Bob Clark, carried

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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SUSAN HOPEMAY 17
BILL HOPEMAY 22

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

BRAD SEWALL (13 YRS).....MAY 18

SHERIFF GRAHAM DRAKE

We haven't had a sheriff for a while and we hadn't seen Graham Drake for a while, so it didn't take much more than an amateur sleuth to figure out that Graham was the sheriff. So everyone was on their best behavior...or were they. Determined to fill the coffers until our chair deemed we had enough funds, Graham went to work. He fined Bill Hope and anyone else that was 'surprised to see him'. Anyone who didn't help with the Alcove painting project, or anyone who didn't volunteer for the convention were also fined. He fined Wynne for a number of infractions, but since she had left, he transferred those fines to John R. With that, his job was done and the sheriff left town

DUTY ROSTER

MAY 23, 2025

GREETERBRAD WELLCOME
DOOR SALES.....RANDALL DYCK
INTRODUCE & THANK.....VELMA NOBLE
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