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MEETING NOTES

A beautiful morning at Heritage Park with birds singing, trees starting to turn green and tulips popping up in the gardens. The warm spring day also brought out a great contingent of members for our meeting.

President Bill started us off with some interesting historical information that the North West Mounted Police (now the RCMP) was formed on this day in 1873.

Peter H was called on to lead us in O'Canada and Bill introduced our guests, Zen Bereznicki guest of Brian Gentles, PDG Dan Doherty guest of Marlene Doherty and our guest speaker Dr. Len Smith.

Bill stumbled with Len's last name and who can blame him; Smith can be a real tongue twister.

Bill's Indigenous minute included a list of a dozen famous Indigenous Canadians including artists, musicians, politicians, lawyers, judges, athletes, architects and more. Bill pronounced all their names flawlessly. After a lovely blessing Bill designated Peter McLaughlin as plate polisher and the rush to the buffet was on

PROGRAM

Velma provided an extensive introduction of our speaker, Dr. Len Smith who is a dentist as well as a very accomplished individual.

Dr. Smith spoke about early childhood tooth decay, the sources of this problem and the physical and mental health problems related to this issue. He addressed the main causes of which the big villain is the large amount of sugar in our diet. This problem affects millions of children in America and is more prevalent in children of low income families, new immigrant families and Indigenous families but it can be found in all socioeconomic groups. His talk stressed the need for proper dental health care and diet for all youth and especially for infants starting with their baby teeth.

It was a very eye opening and somewhat disturbing presentation with information that should definitely be communicated throughout our community.

Velma thanked Dr. Smith and presented him with our speaker recognition certificate confirming the vaccination of 20 children against Polio in his name.

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



MINUTES

Marlene Doherty thanked a number of our members for their support with the Instep Plant and Veggie program helping to deliver plants to those who purchased them for this fundraiser.

Phil Hochhausen is looking for volunteers to man the Volcanes Kids Education booth at the RI Convention House of Friendship that our club has sponsored. Contact Phil if you want to volunteer for a shift or two.

Bill gave a couple of shout outs. First to Richard Broadwith for his dedication to club membership growth and his efforts that has seen 12 new members to our club this Rotary year. Great work!

Secondly Bill recognized the work done by Peter Harding and his RI Convention Host Hospitality Committee and their efforts organizing our Host Hospitality evening and arranging for the home stays for a large number of our visiting Rotarian friends coming to Calgary for the international conference.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 29th our regular meeting on May 30th will be replaced by our "Pub Night" at the Marda Loop Brewing Company starting at 6:00 PM. Since we hang with President Bill we get 15% off of our tab so come eat, drink, and be merry.

May 30th No Meeting. See above.

June 5th is our President's Social. Come and salute Bill Skinner on his great leadership over the past year.

June 6th will still be a regular meeting with students from RYLA, RYPEN and the Interact camp coming to speak about their adventures. We will also have Lindsey Galloway, President and CEO of Heritage Park as our special guest

DUTY ROSTER

JUNE 6, 2025

GREETERBRIAN GENTLES

DOOR SALES.....GARRY GRAY

INTRODUCE & THANK.....

REPORTER.....BOB CLARK

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

HAPPY BUCKS

Everyone had a reason to be happy this morning including Linda Craig for Marlene's work on the plant sale, Jamie for John R saving his favorite coffee mug, Richard B for the energy of the members, Tracy for the work of Bill H, Stan, Mark and Joe on the RI Convention transportation committee, Velma for our great guest speaker and John R for the expansion of Ronald MacDonald house from 70 to 190 rooms.

No Sheriff today but President Bill fined himself for a couple of minor faux pas'. I think he should be a little easier on himself, we are all human after all.

PARTING SHOT

I believe that everything happens for a reason. People change so that you can learn to let go, things go wrong so you can appreciate them when they go right, you believe lies so you eventually learn to trust only yourself and sometimes good things fall apart so better things can fall together. Marilyn Monroe.

President Bill adjourned the meeting and we all stood and recited the Rotary 4 Way Test before pouring out of the Gunn Barn to enjoy the beautiful sunny day ahead of us.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

JOE KLASSEN.....MAY 27
TRISH RADERMACHER.....MAY 18
PETER MCCLAUGHLINJUNE 1

ANNIVERSARY

RAJU & ASHA PAUL (55YRS).....MAY 24
JOHN & TRISH RADERMACHER (37YRS).....MAY 30
ROB & CHERYL MATTHEWS (51YRS)JUNE 1

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

RAJU PAUL (35YRS)JUNE 1
VELMA NOBLE (32YRS).....JUNE 1
PETER HARDING (26YRS).....JUNE 1