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MEETING NOTES



ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY HERITAGE PARK

At 7am the bell was rung and we found Wynne gavel in hand with the news that today's meeting would be run by International Service. There were 5 tables of members but no guests.

Wynne read a traditional Land Acknowledgement after which O Canada was sung enthusiastically. Walter was appointed plate shiner, so our breakfast was garnished with a dose of teasing & quips.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

This morning's speakers were from the ISC and they spoke about projects in the usual target countries where RCCHP has a long history of working. Mark – Mexico, Eve – Guatemala, Ola – Nigeria.

Mexico : 1)Homes for Hope – a home building project. RCCHP funds furnishings for 3 homes ,built in 1.5days by volunteers. 2)Volcanes school nr Puerto Vallarta- teachers salaries. NOTE : Phil H will have a Volcanes School booth at the Convention to drum up interest and support. The booth will be staffed by 3 graduates of the school but volunteers needed as well. 3) Butterfly refuge nr PV. It runs nature and environmental programmes for schools & tourists. Volcanes students attend and volunteer.

Guatemala : all 3 Guatemala projects have grants applied for. \$8000 from RCCHP should get an additional \$15,000. 1) RACHEL project. This is our 3rd Remote Area Community Hotspot for Education & Learning project in rural Guatemala, bringing TV monitors for classrooms and training & mentoring of the teachers in this new teaching method. 2) Vista Hermosa water system. A new drilled well plus water piping to a school and 40 families plus wastewater treatment process. No more lugging water uphill from an unreliable dirty stream. 3) Concrete floors installed by Habitat for Humanity.

Replacing dirt floors with concrete has great health benefits e.g. reduction in infection, diarrhea, stress and depression. New floors in 25 homes will benefit around 100 adults and children.

Nigeria : WAFEP-4. Our 4th Water For Education Project. A borehole brings fresh water to a fetching station with 4 taps. This replaces hauling contaminated water from a far off river, usually the daughters' task. This clean water system will see an increase in school attendance both from decreased infection and more time for schooling when hours aren't devoted to carrying water. WAFEP-4 is solar powered saving the community buying generator diesel.

HAPPY BUCKS

Bob Cove : arrival of twin grandchildren. **Bill S & Stan** : visit to BMO centre. **Sheila** : leaving for Africa. **Peter H** : Community Kitchen fun. **Richard** : 15th member application. **Ola** : family birthdays. **Doug K** : family graves visit. **Diane** : regained health. **Harold** : cancer surviving G/daughter SAIT grad

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



MINUTES

Roger S: volunteers needed to paint rooms in Alcove May 12 – May 17 (see email)

Brian G : clothing with RCCHP logo. All orders have been confirmed by email. Get in touch with Brian if you did NOT receive such an email. Note: any piece of clothing can be printed with the logo, see Stan for details.

Walter : Raju's pacemaker was damaged in a fall, he had an operation earlier in the week to replace pacemaker and is now home and doing well.

John : Ronald McDonald House grand re-opening is May 22 @ 10 am. Tour the expansion from previous 70 to now 190 guests.

Wynne : David McKeown has died. Early , longtime RCCHP member.

Bill S : Building a Better World: Planning Impactful Projects
A dynamic, hybrid workshop hosted by RAGCED and ESRAG,
Fri Jun 20

<https://rotary5360.ca/stories/building-a-better-world-planning-impactful-projects-fri-jun-20>

STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD

PRESENTED BY BOB CLARK

We stand by the following guiding principles:

We are responsible to ensure the safety of all members, and everyone with whom we interact.

We reject all words and actions that are considered offensive, threatening or inappropriate by anyone.

We strive, as Rotarians, to always apply and follow the Rotary 4-way test.

We have had in-person meetings with both individuals, reviewed club minutes, and communicated with some past board members. We have also taken steps to educate ourselves regarding harassment claims.

Due to the gravity of the situation, we continue to try to approach resolution with sensitivity, objectivity, and empathy. I have never experienced this personally. We feel for everyone involved. They are our friends.

It is essential that we remain respectful, protect privacy and confidentiality, and maintain a fair process, avoiding any rush to judgement.

Based upon what we have gathered, we are currently drafting a club policy that we hope will never be needed again. We are drawing upon input from the individuals involved; in addition to club members who have knowledge and experience in this area.

Most organizations, including RI, have a written policy, although this was not the case 7 years ago.

We ask for your patience as we move towards a resolution that will bring this to a conclusion.

SHERIFF

Walter managed to fine just about everybody.

CONCLUSION

Wynne's tight oversight had the meeting closing at 8.10 am

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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SUSAN HOPEMAY 17

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

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

DUTY ROSTER

MAY 16, 2025

GREETERBOB COVE

DOOR SALES.....LINDA CRAIG

INTRODUCE & THANK.....JUDY COCHRAN

REPORTER.....ROGER SONTAG

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

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