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MEETING NOTES



The Barn was abuzz with excitement on this snowy morning, with many visiting guests and a roomful of Rotarians. Ola stepped in as Greeter and warmly welcomed the members and guests on this brisk, snowy morning. The excitement in the room was palpable and contagious. Our host Bob Clark ("He got rizz") managed to quiet the raucous crowd for his land acknowledgment and Stan Christmas led the crowd in a ragged and enthusiastic rendition of the National anthem, followed by an introduction of the 22 guests and visiting Rotarians. (see list below). This was followed by a long but orderly and enthusiastic queue to the buffet table for breakfast.

Guests: Morgan Craig-Broadwidth; Lillian Brewster; Dawn Byford; Qian Chen; Dan Doherty; Allan Friesen; Melanie Hval; Wunmi Idowu; Jordan Janz; Graham Kennelly; Andy Kinde; Saskia Knight; Maggie Lam; Alec McDougall; Eva Milbrat; Ed Palichuk; Todd Pemberton; Artem Suprin.

Members in waiting: Allison Colpits; Keith Curtis.

GuestSpeakers: Henry Huynh; Abdul Samad Olagunju

PROGRAM

Bob introduced our speakers, Henry Huynh and Abdul Samad Olagunju founders of Aurrin Ventures a launchpad for early-stage business founders. Aurrin saw a need for a new model for funding and encouraging new entrepreneurs. Current models have limited access to mentors and investors; traditional platforms have slow feedback and there are barriers for early-stage entrepreneurs with traditional startup models.

Aurrin has an easy signup and hosts monthly events with microgrants (\$500-\$1000) available for the right pitch with the right "rizz" (look it up). They offer 3 curated judges for their events. They have hosted 2 events and given out \$1500 on grants thus far. The next event is November 26 at Heliopolis. Tickets are \$15 (advance) or \$25. They are also looking for mentors, especially in supply chain and computer hardware knowledge.

Our speakers were thanked with our traditional donation to Polio Plus,

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MINUTES

After breakfast, there were several Rotary minutes.

Dawn Byford from the Rotary Club of Canmore spoke about her recent hosting experience for Youth Exchange and encouraged members and non-members to consider hosting a student.

Marlene Doherty reminded us of the Grey Cup Party /Chili Cook off hosted by her and Dan and reminded us of the December 11 Christmas gathering.

Jamie Powell spoke about the founding of RCCHP over 20 years ago, his experience, and put in a plug for our Wines of the World Raffle. (*Editors Note: RCCHP was founded over 26 years ago.*)

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Bob closed the meeting noting that it is First Responders Week and that Rotary members are first responders of a sort. He also noted for our guests that non-Rotarians can host Youth Exchange students. He noted that it was the birthday of the Blink 182 drummer (What's His Name Again?)...Travis Barker. After quoting Ben Franklin and reminding all of us to stay within the 15 km/hour speed limit when exiting the Park, we ended with the 4 Way Test.

According to your diligent reporter's Internet search, "Rizz" is a slang term for charisma, charm, persuasion or skill in attracting a romantic partner. It is short for "charisma" and can be used as a noun (e.g., "He has rizz") or a verb (e.g., "He's trying to rizz her up"). The term gained popularity through social media, particularly from streamers like Kai Cenat.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

RICHARD BROADWITH.....Nov 15
DEBRA MCARTHUR.....Nov 17

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

PHIL HOCHHAUSEN (17YRS).....Nov. 20

HAPPY BUCKS

This reporter counted more than 20 people with Happy Bucks (and more than \$100 raised!) The majority of the \$ were for the excellent meeting and enthusiastic crowd and excellent presentation. There were a few unfortunate Happy\$ spent supporting the wrong football team for the Grey Cup, they will likely be spending Sad Bucks next week.

SPEED DATING.

No, not the romantic kind, most of us don't have enough rizz for that. Instead, each table had a card with an area of service, or key Rotary opportunity. Tables were set up for Club Service, Community Service, Vocational, International, Rotary Foundation, Membership, Youth Exchange, Youth and Volunteer opportunities and Fundraising. Guests were free to roam the tables and ask about each of the areas. It was with some difficulty that Bob managed to bring order back to the energised and noisy room for some Happy Bucks.

DUTY ROSTER

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GREETERGARRY GRAY
DOOR SALES.....PHIL HOCHHAUSEN
INTRO & THANK.....LORNE KELLY
REPORTER.....BOB CLARK

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