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MEETING NOTES



Greeter Jeromy Farkas's early morning energy was infectious as we entered the Gunn Dairy Barn looking forward to hearing the stories of our RAYAC and RYPEN delegates. President Lynda managed to corral the animated crowd, ringing the bell at 7 am, and inviting Stan Christmas to lead us in our national anthem.

President Lynda acknowledged the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy, the Tsuut'ina, the Nakoda Nations, the Metis Nation (Region 3) and all those who live, work and play in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta. After noting the November 5th Beaver Moon, and the meaning of November 7, a date when we connect on pure intentions and honesty, she led us in a blessing.

All guests were welcomed including: our RAYAC and RYPEN students and families -- Enzon Manalaysay and his father Edwin Manalaysay and sister Eliana Manalaysay, Elyana Tummers and her father Craig Tummers, Clare Cheng and her father Roy Cheng, Carissa Chong and her mother Kacine Chong.

Keith Curtis and Allison Colpitts from Heritage Park.

Everyone fell under the charm of 10-week-old Baby Lucy Ganchev-Hope, a future Rotarian perhaps.

Thanks to Jeromy for taking on another task, that of plate shiner.

PROGRAM

Youth Services Director Judy Cochran, welcomed our four, young speakers who attended RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program for Enrichment) and RAYEC (Rotary Alberta Youth Entrepreneurship Camp).

First up were RYPEN delegates Enzon Manalaysay and Elyana Tummers. Elyana, a 14 year-old, grade 10 student, and black-belt martial arts student, chose to attend RYPEN to grow and to learn leadership skills. Enzon, a grade 10 honours student and electric base guitar player, was seeking to enhance his leadership skills. They took turns taking us through the four-day camp they attended in early May where they learned about "finding comfortability in uncomfortable situations". Through camp games and exercises they learned to work with other campers, to bond, and to trust. They also learned to lead which was one of their goals.

One of the highlights was actually experiencing their own growth and development.

Both were grateful for the opportunity to attend the camp.

Next up was RAYAC delegate, 13-year-old Clare Cheng who thanked Rotary for the opportunity to walk in the steps of her older sister who attended the camp a few years ago. Clare's aim was to build leadership skills and learn about business at the one-week entrepreneurial-based camp held in August. Along with her team, she created and sold charcuterie boards and coasters. She was grateful for what she learnt about taking on new challenges. A highlight for Clare was the campfire night where there was bonding over the laughing, singing and dancing.

Carissa Chang followed Clare. She expounded on the camp experience, making note of creating a detailed business plan, borrowing money from a real bank, creating and successfully selling all their products which included eco bombs (pre-planted seeds in a bag), sugar cookies and beaded flowers. She was delighted to tell us that they made \$60 profit! Highlights for Carissa included: learning about real-life business skills; learning about responsibility; and gaining confidence.

Judy thanked the amazing delegates for their engaging presentations. She noted that we are in good hands with our youth of today who will be our leaders of tomorrow.

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



MINUTES

Bob Clark reminded us about the importance of the **special membership club meeting on November 14th. Please let Bob know if you plan to bring a guest.** He's arranged a reduced breakfast price of \$15 for guests. He also talked about an excellent opportunity to volunteer at the next casino in April.

Marlene Doherty and Velma Noble (the dynamic Christmas duo) made an appearance again in their HUGE Christmas sweater to encourage everyone to sign up for the upcoming **Club Christmas Party on December 11**. It will be a cosy, fun evening with tasty nibbles, entertainment including a magician, and cash bar. At only \$30 per ticket, it's a deal.

Sheila Tyminski told us about the card from the **STAR program** thanking us for helping to fund t-shirts.

Marlene D and Roger Sonntag, replete with eye-catching chicken hats, promoted the upcoming fundraiser, **Four Chickens and a Pie, for Polio Plus**. On offer are four, frozen 6 lb (somewhat happy) chickens and a berry pie for \$100. Watch for the flyer. Order deadline is November 30th.

Bill Skinner is looking for volunteers to help price art for the **Second Chance Art Sale**. No experience necessary. It's a fun way to spend a few hours on a Friday morning for about eight weeks prior to the April 17-18th. Talk to Bill, if interested. He also was delighted to let us know that the **fire truck** has finally made its way to Guatemala, after being stalled by COVID. We donated \$1,000 to Rotary Club of Calgary to assist in transporting the fire truck from Calgary to Montana where it was loaded onto a cargo plane.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

President Lynda closed the meeting with a reminder to be kind.

The Four Way Test was recited by all.

HAPPY BUCKS

There was an abundance of happiness today! Velma N. led things off by noting flyers on the table promoting The Rotary Club of Calgary's Big Book Club.

Bob Clark for our speakers and for next week's important club membership development meeting on November 14.

Steve D. reminded everyone to slow down when travelling in the Park.

Sheila T. expressed her appreciation for time spent in Puerto Vallarta reviewing the Volcanes school program with Mark and Joan Rowe, Cliff Tyminski, Eve Robertson and Linda Craig. Linda C. echoed Sheila's comments and thanked Mark and Joan Rowe for their thoughtful guidance in Mexico. She also acknowledged the great presentations made today.

Walter Z. joked about not being able to drink tequila, and was grateful for having mail delivered twice on the same day!

Phil H. gave thanks for the presence of Katie, Jason and baby Lucy. Judy C. thanked the delegates for their presentations. She also thanked her Rotary friends for their support.

Janet B. was happy to have her daughter home. Richard B. for the membership development meeting on November 14. We were encouraged to bring guests. Peter H. for the speakers and baby Lucy.

Bill H. for the great presentations and for granddaughter baby Lucy's presence.

Asha P welcomed baby Lucy.

Doug M for the well-behaved Lucy. Roger S. joked about Lynda's ability to put Lucy to sleep. Katie H. thanked the delegates, and noted how happy she was to get to the meeting.

Lynda C. thanked the delegates.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

THAMPI THOMAS.....Nov 13
LYNDA CAMPBELL.....Nov 13

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

MIKE MIKKELSON (3YRS).....Nov. 9

DUTY ROSTER

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GREETERPETER McLAUGHLIN

DOOR SALES.....MIKE MIKKELSON

INTRO & THANK.....VELMA NOBLE

REPORTER.....BOB CLARK

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